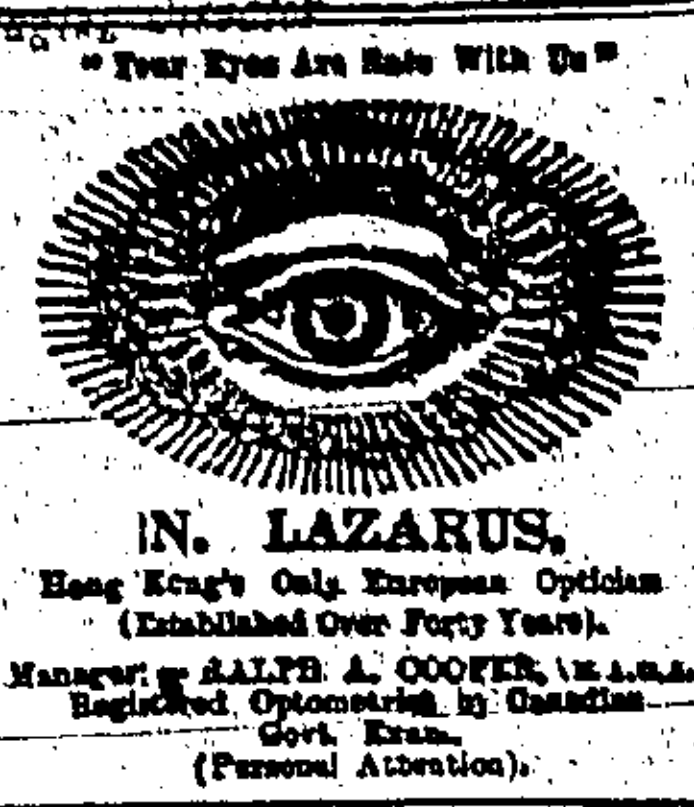


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UP TRAINS											
STATIONS	No. 1 A.M.	No. 2 A.M.	No. 3 A.M.	No. 4 A.M.	No. 5 A.M.	No. 6 A.M.	No. 7 A.M.	No. 8 A.M.	No. 9 A.M.	No. 10 A.M.	No. 11 A.M.
Kowloon Dep.	6.40	8.05	9.08	10.10	11.10	12.10	1.15	2.15	3.15	4.15	5.40
Yau Ma Tei Dep.	6.48	8.13	9.16	10.18	11.18	12.18	1.23	2.23	3.23	4.23	5.48
Shatin Dep.	7.01	8.26	9.29	10.31	11.31	12.31	1.36	2.36	3.36	4.36	6.01
Tai Po Dep.	7.15	8.40	9.43	10.45	11.45	12.45	1.50	2.50	3.50	4.50	6.15
Tai Po											
Ma Tei Dep.	7.20	8.45	9.48	10.50	11.50	12.50	1.55	2.55	3.55	4.55	6.20
Fanning Dep.	7.30	8.55	9.58	11.00	12.00	1.00	2.00	3.00	4.00	5.00	6.30
Shau Kei Dep.	7.35	9.00	10.03	11.05	12.05	1.05	2.05	3.05	4.05	5.05	6.35
Shau Kei											
Shau Kei	7.41	9.06	10.09	11.11	12.11	1.11	2.11	3.11	4.11	5.11	6.41
Canton Arr.	12.05	1.30	2.33	3.35	4.35	5.35	6.40	7.40	8.40	9.40	11.05

DOWN TRAINS											
STATIONS	No. 1 A.M.	No. 2 A.M.	No. 3 A.M.	No. 4 A.M.	No. 5 A.M.	No. 6 A.M.	No. 7 A.M.	No. 8 A.M.	No. 9 A.M.	No. 10 A.M.	No. 11 A.M.
Canton Dep.	8.10	9.35	10.38	11.40	12.40	1.40	2.40	3.40	4.40	5.40	7.10
Shau Kei Dep.	8.15	9.40	10.43	11.45	12.45	1.45	2.45	3.45	4.45	5.45	7.15
Shau Kei											
Shau Kei	8.20	9.45	10.48	11.50	12.50	1.50	2.50	3.50	4.50	5.50	7.20
Shatin Dep.	8.25	9.50	10.53	11.55	12.55	1.55	2.55	3.55	4.55	5.55	7.25
Tai Po Dep.	8.30	9.55	10.58	12.00	1.00	2.00	3.00	4.00	5.00	6.00	7.30
Tai Po											
Ma Tei Dep.	8.35	10.00	11.03	12.05	1.05	2.05	3.05	4.05	5.05	6.05	7.35
Fanning Dep.	8.40	10.05	11.08	12.10	1.10	2.10	3.10	4.10	5.10	6.10	7.40
Yau Ma Tei Dep.	8.48	10.13	11.16	12.18	1.18	2.18	3.18	4.18	5.18	6.18	7.48
Kowloon Arr.	8.17	9.42	10.45	11.47	12.47	1.47	2.47	3.47	4.47	5.47	7.17

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"ENTICED" WIFE ALLEGATION. APPEAL DISMISSED.

JUDGE AND HUSBAND'S JEALOUSY.

The case in which a Major alleged that a brother officer had enticed his wife came before the Court of Appeal.

The action was brought by Major Ritchie Langstaffe Capel-Smith, formerly of the Royal Army Service Corps, against Major Bernard A. S. Dyer, of the same corps, for damages for alleged unlawful enticing and procuring his wife, Mrs. Mildred Capel-Smith, to leave his home. Major Dyer denied the allegations.

After four days' hearing before Mr. Justice Swift and a special jury, the jury stopped the case and returned a verdict for Major Dyer, for whom judgment was entered. Major Capel-Smith now appealed.

Mr. Valetta appeared for Major Capel-Smith, and Mr. Malcolm Hilbery, K.C., for Major Dyer. Mr. Valetta said that the action was brought by an officer against his senior officer, his allegation being that for nine months before his departure for India in September, 1926, Major Dyer had succeeded by his conduct in inducing Mrs. Capel-Smith to leave him.

At the trial Major Capel-Smith said that he was perfectly happy with his wife until Major Dyer came between them. Major Dyer, as well as being his senior officer, was his friend, and with his permission, Major Capel-Smith, who did not dance, had no suspicion of anything wrong until he found his wife and Major Dyer together in a car in the garage with the lights out. He tackled Major Dyer about it, and Major Dyer said: "I am sorry. Why haven't you mentioned this before? It may be that I have been seeing too much of your wife and perhaps unsettling her."

"Disliked Him For Years."

Major Capel-Smith afterwards spoke to his wife; there was a scene, and she said that there was nothing in it. Matters went smoothly between them until Major Capel-Smith had to go to India on military service. His evidence was that his wife promised faithfully that she would not see Major Dyer after he (Major Capel-Smith) had left the country. Major Capel-Smith was infatuated with his wife, and while he was in India he wrote letters to her which would nauseate the Court. They were, however, only letters of intense affection. He received replies from his wife couched in affectionate terms, and his explanation of these when she went into the witness-box was that they were intended to deceive her husband into the belief that she loved him. In fact, she said that she had disliked him for years. It was during her evidence that the jury stopped the case, and Mr. Valetta said that he hoped to satisfy the Court that the trial was not satisfactory.

His contention was that the Judge misdirected the jury in that he failed to direct them that the real and only issue was whether or not Major Dyer wrongfully enticed and procured Mrs. Capel-Smith to leave her husband. The Judge invited the jury to consider whether Mrs. Capel-Smith needed enticing, and thereby caused the jury to consider matters wholly irrelevant to the real issue. The Judge said Mr. Valetta, apparently became impressed by her evidence when she said that she was tired of her husband and intended to leave him, and that she needed no enticing.

"Jealous And Nervous."

Without calling on counsel for Major Dyer the Court dismissed the appeal.

Lord Justice Scrutton said the case was a very unusual one. Whether the wife had committed adultery or not was not the question. The question was did she leave her husband because Major Dyer enticed and persuaded her to do so, or did she leave of her own accord?

The husband was a very excitable, jealous, and nervous man, and his physical weakness was not made any better by his war service. The jury had evidence of his frantic jealousy and his passionate devotion to his wife. He was obviously a very difficult man to live with. The jury had an ample opportunity of seeing the sort of man he was. They heard some of the outbursts, which even in the shorthand notes looked very remarkable, and it was quite open

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PLASTIC SURGERY.

FEES PAID FOR FACIAL IMPROVEMENT.

BANKRUPTCY COURT STATEMENT.

Mr. John Cornelius Bell, plastic surgeon, of Wigmore Street, London, appeared before Mr. Registrar Warrington at the London Bankruptcy Court for his public examination in a breach of promise suit brought in the King's Bench Division by Miss Christian Clara Vernon, formerly his secretary, who was awarded £1,000 damages.

Mr. Bell has filed a statement of affairs showing liabilities of £3,515 and no assets.

In reply to Mr. Ferrars Vyvyan, the Assistant Receiver, Mr. Bell stated that he was a German national and his name until 1914, when he changed it by deed poll, was Johann Cornelius Gloeckler. In 1901 he became a qualified dentist in Germany, and when he came to England in 1903 he obtained employment in a similar capacity.

He first began to practice on his own account in 1905 in Rosebery Gardens, Crouch End, and he agreed to sell this practice in 1907 for £800, of which he only received £250. From October, 1919, until June, 1921, he was working up to date, and in the latter year he agreed to take over the management of a plastic surgeon's business on a half-profit basis.

Losses In Litigation.

Having been dismissed for alleged breach of agreement in November, 1926, he brought an action for wrongful dismissal against his late employer, who counter-claimed for breach of agreement, and in June, 1927, the action was settled out of court on terms that he should pay his late employer £2,000.

From November, 1926, he practised on his own account as a plastic surgeon at Wigmore Street until last May, when £1,000 damages for breach of promise of marriage were awarded against him in an action in which the total costs amounted to £500. His credit with his advertising firms was stopped, and he then formed John C. Bell, Limited, with a nominal capital of £1,000 to take over the practice, in which he had since acted as an employee at a salary of £2 per week. He attributed his failure to the stoppage of credit consequent on the action.

Mr. Vyvyan asked Mr. Bell what plastic surgery was. "Facial improvement," was the reply.

Mr. Vyvyan: For women, I suppose?—Yes.

Mr. Leslie Lea (for one of the creditors): Have you been in the habit of doing anything for less than fifty guineas?—Oh, yes, considerably.

On the other hand, you received anything up to three hundred guineas?—I have never had over two hundred guineas.

The public examination was concluded.

to them to come to the conclusion that like Mr. Carlyle, he was "gay ill to live with."

The wife went into the box, and in evidence said: "If I had never seen Major Dyer I would rather be dead than go back to my husband."

The Court was asked to say that the trial was unsatisfactory. They had elected to believe the evidence of the wife in preference to that of the husband and they were justified in doing so. The Court could not interfere, and the appeal would be dismissed with costs. The other Lords Justices concurred.

DIARY OF EVENTS.

To-day
(December 8th.)

Annual General Meeting, Helena May Institute, noon.

Women's Guild: Union Church, Kowloon, Sale of Work, 2 p.m.

Cricket:—Division I.: Chinese v. Indians (L), Craigengower v. Navy (L), Kowloon v. Hong Kong C.C. (F), Division II.: Indians v. Recreation (L), Navy v. Craigengower (L), Civil Service v. Royal Engineers (L), Police v. Hong Kong Electric (L), University v. Kowloon (F), Hong Kong C.C. v. Diocesan Boys' School (F).

Football:—First Division: K.O.S.B. v. Recreation, Chinese v. Police, Queen's v. Kowloon, Royal Artillery v. Club, Navy v. Small Units, Second Division: R.A.F. v. Queen's, University v. Royal Artillery, Navy v. Small Units, Chinese Athletic v. K.O.S.B., South China "B" v. Eastern, South China "A" v. St. Joseph's, Kowloon v. Recreation.

Craigengower Cricket Club Dance, 9.15 p.m.

Queen's Theatre: "Ramona."

World Theatre: "Safety Last."

Star Theatre: "Across the Pacific."

Tea Dance: H.K. Hotel, 4.30 p.m.

Dinner Dances: Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, King Edward Hotel, and St. Francis Hotel, 8 p.m.

Principal Mails:—Outward Europe via Marseilles (Malwa), 10.30 a.m.; Europe via Siberia (Liang Chow), 8 p.m.

Sunday
(December 9th.)

Golf: 1st and 2nd rounds of the championship, Fanning.

Fanning Hunt, meet at Lok Ma Chau, 10.30 a.m.

Yachting and Lawn Bowls Match: St. Andrew's v. St. Georges, Royal H.K. Yacht Club.

Special Football Match: Bedd and Herts Reg. v. South China, Soekunpo, 3 p.m.

St. Vincent de Paul Fête.

Queen's Theatre: "Swim Girl Swim."

World Theatre: "Brown of Harvard."

Star Theatre: "Behind the Front."

Tea Dance: H.K. Hotel, 4.30 p.m.

Principal Mails:—Inward: Europe via Siberia (Andes Maru).

Monday
(December 10th.)

Sale of Crown Land New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 1190, 3 p.m.

Hockey: Y.M.C.A. 1st XI. King's Park, 5 p.m.

Queen's Theatre: "Swim Girl Swim."

World Theatre: "Brown of Harvard."

Star Theatre: "Behind the Front."

Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel, 4.30 p.m.; King Edward Hotel, 5 p.m.

Dinner Dance: St. Francis Hotel, 8 p.m.

Principal Mails:—Outward: Europe via Victoria, B.C. (President Cleveland), 5 p.m.; Europe via Siberia (President Cleveland), 6 p.m.

Tuesday
(December 11th.)

Sanitary Board Meeting, 4.15 p.m.

Opening of Peninsular Hotel by H.E. the Officer Administering the Government, 4.30 p.m.

Hockey: Y.M.C.A. v. Club Seconds, King's Park, 5 p.m.

Queen's Theatre: "The King of Kings."

World Theatre: "The Road to Romance."

Star Theatre: "Rough House Romance."

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HONG KONG BUSINESS.

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Rice. Per Picul.

Red Sun, Blue Bag, White

Long Rice, 114 bags \$7.27

Green Seal, White Brewer

Rice, 89 bags 5.81

Red Seal, White Long Rice,

119 bags 7.09

Red Seal, White Long Rice,

154 bags 7.01

Elephant Brand White Long

Rice, 810 bags 7.09

No. 1 Broken Rice, 300 bags

5.38

No. 2 Broken Rice, 100 bags

4.00

Black Dragon White Rice,

1,300 bags 5.53

Green Elephant White Rice,

200 bags 5.27

Black Fan White Glutinous

Rice, 45 bags 7.76

Red Seal White Glutinous

Rice, 311 bags 7.42

No. 1 White Broken Glutinous

Rice, 188 bags 6.90

Green Seal Glutinous Brewer

Rice, 300 bags 6.79

Green Seal, Old White

Broken Rice, 1,000 bags 6.59

Green Seal, No. 1 White

Broken Rice, 450 bags 6.70

Red Seal, No. 2 White

Broken Rice, 295 bags 6.13

Green Seal Glutinous Brand,

170 bags 3.68

Sugar. Per Picul.

No. 18 Coarse powdered

sugar, 1,100 bags 6.73

No. 20 Coarse powdered

sugar, 1,000 bags 6.50

No. 24 Coarse powdered

sugar, 1,175 bags 7.23

No. 26 Coarse powdered

sugar, 1,500 bags 7.23

No. 18 Coarse powdered

sugar, 500 bags 6.70

No. 18 Coarse powdered

sugar, 1,100 bags 6.73

THE RAW SILK MARKET.

QUOTATIONS IN FRANCE, U.S.A. AND CANTON.

Telegrams were received from France and New York on Thursday by the Canton Raw Silk Guild stating that the market for this commodity remains quiet. There had been no enquiries but prices remained firm.

The following are the quotations in the three respective markets:—

NEW YORK.

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14/15 Raw Silk \$1,295

FRANCE.

13/15 Raw Silk \$1,352

CHINESE.

11/10 Silk \$1,675

13/15 Silk 1,414

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14/16 Silk \$1,127

13/14 Silk 1,113

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COTTON YARNS.

CANTON CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

From a cable received from Shanghai by the Canton Cotton Yarn dealers, it was stated that another two tals per bale had been put on to No. 32 Fine Grade. Other brands remained the same. The closing quotations on Thursday were as follows:—

No. 42 Five Sons 8552

Double Horse 550

Tin Koon 534

No. 32 Pine Deer 450

Double Horse 399

No. 30 Golden City 397

Globe 321

Double Horse 321

Tin Koon 327

Double Dragon 327

Tram Car 317

Shepherd 314

Three Stars 315

No. 18 Globe 308

Fui Kwai 288

No. 13 Tram Car 277

Aeroplane 275

Pencock 283

Golden City 290

No. 10 Sailing Vessel 275

Golden City 268

Pencock 271

CANTON MARKET REPORTS.

Rice.

Green Lion: White Rice \$10.02

Three Marks: White Rice 8.44

Wo Fung: White Siam Rice 9.82

Full Moon: White Siam

Rice 9.80

Red Bell: White Rice 11.15

Red Star: White Rice 6.75

Green Seal: White Brewer

Rice 6.50

Black Seal: White Brewer

Rice 6.50

Sugar. Per Picul.

No. 2 coarse powdered sugar \$8.00

" 3 Do. 8.50

" 20 Do. 9.70

" 1 Do. 12.50

Flour. Per Bag.

Man of War \$4.10

Silver Seal 4.20

Banana 4.15

Cheung Luk 4.15

Maize 3.65

Sword of Kwangtai 4.20

Cannon 4.80

Cabbage 4.45

Dalton 4.30

Dog's Head 4.60

DUCKS' FEATHERS.

Business in this line is still suffering from the effect of the general strike in 1925. Prior to that the annual turnover amounted to about \$3,000,000, but since the strike there has been practically no business done.

The activities of the dealers have also been somewhat checked owing to the Government not allowing them to store this commodity in the godowns at West Point. The only business done this month was 89 bales at \$85 per picul.

SUGAR.

Owing to the two local sugar refineries going out of business, Chinese dealers have taken to importing sugar from Java. They tried to swamp the market with brown sugar but this had a boomerang effect with the result that they are now badly hit. There is a large stock of this inferior quality of sugar on hand with no buyers. The public is still clamouring for the good quality sugar which they had been accustomed to getting from Thakoo and the China Sugar Refinery.

There are now offering Java brown sugar at 85 per picul which works out at only 6 cents per catty (1½ lb.).

SHANGHAI SILK MARKET.

A little more business has come to book this week at lower prices. Demand is slow and prices generally are on the easy side.

Steam Finatures.—Extra B. 13/15, Tls. 950 av. Yellow Steams.—A few transactions are reported at a smart decline from top rates. Miencheus.—Double Extra, Tls. 1,040 Extra C. Tls. 910. Shantung.—Extra A. Tls. 960. Tussah Filatures 8 cts.—Have been in more demand. Extra A. 1 and 2, Tls. 350/40 av.

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Europe, etc. White 5,000 7,500 5,000

Europe, etc. Yellow 5,000 5,900 5,900

America, etc. White 3,500 3,700 4,500

14,500 17,000 15,000

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Stock in S'hai, Tussah Filatures 1,000 100 100

EXCHANGE RATES.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE]

Rugby, Dec. 6th.

Paris 124.15

Geneva 25.07½

Berlin 20.335

Oslo 18.19

Helsingfors 19.24

Athens 37½

Buenos Aires 47.7/16

New York 4.85 1/16

Amsterdam 18.15

Stockholm 34.495

Vienna 30.03

Madrid 815

Bucharest 1/6½

Bombay 34.895

Brussels 92.65

Milan 13.19

Copenhagen 13.19

(Continued on next column).

HONG KONG STOCK EXCHANGE.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

DECEMBER 7th, 1928.	
B.K. Banks.....	\$1,325 nom.
Do. London.....	\$140 nom.
Chartered Bank.....	\$22 buy.
Maritime Banks A. & B.....	\$24 nom.
Do. O.....	\$21½ nom.
P. & O. Bank.....	\$24 nom.
East Asia Bank.....	\$250 nom.
Canton Insurance.....	\$350 buy.
Union Insurance.....	\$354 buy, 357 sel.
Do. (Def.).....	\$354 buy, 357 sel.
North China Ins.....	\$150 buy.
Yangtze Insurance.....	\$150 buy.
China Underwriters.....	\$245 sel.
China Fire Insurance.....	\$250 buy.
Hong Kong Fire Ins.....	\$250 sel.
Douglases.....	\$334 nom.
H.K. Steamboats.....	\$334 buy.
H.K. Tugs.....	\$334 buy, 337 sel.
Indo-China (Fret).....	\$145 buy.
Do. (Def.).....	\$145 buy.
Shell Transport.....	\$145 buy.
Waterboats.....	\$145 sel.
Benguet.....	\$145 buy.
Kailash Mining Admin.....	\$145 buy.
Langkai (combined).....	\$145 buy.
Do. (single).....	\$145 nom.
S'hai Explorations.....	\$145 nom.
Shanghai Loans.....	\$145 buy.
Ranb.....	\$145 nom.
Trench Mines.....	\$145 nom.
H.K. & W. Dock.....	\$145 sel.
H.K. & W. Dock.....	\$145 sel.
China Provident.....	\$495 buy, 510 sel.
Hongkong.....	\$145 buy.
New Engineering.....	\$145 nom.
Shanghai Dock.....	\$145 nom.
Ewo Cottons.....	\$145 buy.
Oriental Cottons.....	\$145 sel.
S'hai Cottons (old).....	\$145 buy.
Do. (new).....	\$145 buy.
H.K. & S. Hotels.....	\$145 buy, 940 sel.
H.K. Lands.....	\$354 buy, 357 sel.
Shanghai Land.....	\$145 sel.
Humphreys Estates.....	\$145 sel.
H.K. Realities.....	\$145 nom.
H.K. Tramway.....	\$19.30 sel., 19.30/40 nom.
Peak Trans (old).....	\$13 sel.
Do. (new).....	\$13 nom.
Star Ferries.....	\$145 nom.
China Light (old).....	\$145 nom.
Do. (new).....	\$145 nom.
Do. (1928 issue).....	\$145 nom.
H.K. Electric (old).....	\$145 sel.
Do. (new).....	\$145 sel.
Macao Electric.....	\$145 buy.
Telephones.....	\$7.30 nom. cum rights
Do. rights.....	\$5.70 nom. x rights
Do. rights.....	\$3 buy.
China Buses.....	\$145 nom.
Singapore Tractors.....	\$145 nom.
Do. (Fret).....	\$145 sel.
China Sugar.....	\$90 cts. nom.
Malayan Sugar.....	\$22½ buy.
Canton Ice.....	\$34 nom.
Cements (combined).....	\$9.50 buy, 9 sa.
Do. (old).....	\$7.80 sel.
Do. (new).....	\$14 sel., 135 sa.
H.K. Ropes (old).....	\$7.60 nom.
Do. (new).....	\$7.55 nom.
United Asbestos.....	\$5 nom.
Dairy Farms.....	\$21½ buy & sa., 22 sel.
Watsons.....	\$145 sel.
Der A. Wings.....	\$0 cts. buy.
Lane Crawford.....	\$3.05 nom.
Mackintosh.....	\$20 nom.
Sincere.....	\$14 buy.
Wm. Powell.....	\$3.65 buy.
H.K. Amusements.....	\$29½ sel.
H.K. Constructions.....	\$11 nom.
Queensland G. Bonds.....	66½ buy.
H.K. Govt. Loans.....	5 prem. sel. buy—buyers; sel.—sellers; sa.—sales; nom.—nominal.
Prague.....	1831
Lisbon.....	107.7/16
Rio.....	5.29/32
Yokohama.....	1/10 55/32
Shanghai.....	9/7½
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LOCAL SHARE MARKET.

ALMOST STAGNANT.

MESSRS. BENJAMIN & POTTS' REPORT.

Messrs. Benjamin & Potts, in their weekly review of the local share market, dated December 7th, state:

The local market during the past week has lapsed into quietude bordering almost on stagnation, and only a few transactions have been recorded.

Prices in the majority of cases have declined, and dullness and lack of business are the prevailing features of the market in regard to both investment and speculative stocks.

Hong Kong and Shanghai Banks have eased off slightly in London to 812 1/2 (Middle), but local sales were made at 81,320/81,325. Unions have fluctuated between 8354 and 8358. Cantons are without business at 8600. Hong Kong Fires continue on offer at 8780.

Hong Kong, Canton and Macao Steamboats have declined to a buying quotation of 8284. China Providents have remained steady at 85. Kowloon Wharves are lower with sales made at 8133 1/2. Hong Kong and Shanghai Hotels were dealt in at 80.55 early in the week, but have since receded to 80.30.

Hong Kong Lands have fallen away to 865.40. Humphreys Estates are obtainable at 813 1/2. Hong Kong Trams after having touched 810.90 have slipped back to 810.30. Hong Kong Electric (Old) were taken off the market at 823 1/2. China Lights (Old) changed hands at 812 1/2 and 812.30.

Star Ferries seek buyers at 867 1/2. China Sugars advanced further to 80 cents, but have since lapsed to a nominal quotation. Dairy Farms were sold down to 82 1/2. Green Island Cements (Combined) were easier with sales reported at 88 1/2. There has been a slight recovery at the close with buyers offering 85.

Ewos are a shade lower and were negotiated at 115.15. Shanghai Cottons (Old) were placed at 115. 84. Orinals are on offer at 115. 240. Benquets have buyers at 2.21.

RUBBER SHARES.

LATEST QUOTATIONS.

Messrs. Carroll Bros. writes: With London stocks reported down by a further 1,470 tons (making present stocks in hand 18,724 tons) the price of rubber has remained very steady.

The continued steadiness in the price of rubber has led to a better enquiry for shares. Sellers, however, are difficult to locate. Present quotations are:

Ayer Panas \$6.20

Balgownie 1.60

Glencaly 1.50

Kuala Sidima 3.00

Kundangs 2.10

Kedah 3.10

Lanau 1.65

New Semdalis 2.35

Perak Rivers 1.60

THORNCROFT'S PROGRESS.

INCREASED PROFITS.

A very substantial increase in profits was experienced by John I. Thornycroft and Co., Ltd., the engineers and shipbuilders, in the year to July 31 last. The total amounted to £188,512, against £52,126 in the previous year. The dividend is increased from 6 to 15 per cent, while the Participating Preferred Ordinary shares receive 9 per cent. The report states that satisfactory results were achieved by the shipbuilding, marine engineering, and commercial vehicle sides of the business.

The Ordinary shares have risen to over 23 1/2s, which appears to discount fully a maintenance of the prosperity of last year and even an increase. On the other hand, attractive investments are offered by the prior charges of the company, including 5 per cent. Debentures at about 95, 5 1/2 per cent. at about 90, 6 per cent. Preference shares at par, and the Participating Preferred Ordinary at 21 1/2s.

SUNRISE AND SUNSET.

Sunrise 5.51 a.m.

Sunset 5.30 p.m.

To-day 5.52

To-morrow 5.30

Monday 5.32

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RUBBER PRICES.

SCHEME FOR MAINTAINING VALUES.

A SUGGESTION FROM JAVA.

A correspondent in Samarang writes "the attached two letters, which were published in the *Straits Times*, Singapore, on 31st October, 1928, and 15th November, 1928, respectively, may be of interest to your readers and perhaps save many from sacrificing their investments in rubber shares."

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "STRAITS TIMES"]

SIR,—In the *Straits Budget* rubber supplement of recent issue it is suggested that "a reduction of the available supplies by 60,000 tons per annum would completely revolutionize the outlook for the industry." This appears to mean that overproduction is estimated at 60,000 tons per annum. Between January 1st and September 30th this year the price of rubber fell from over 1s. 6d. to under 9d. per lb., owing to the removal of restriction as from November 1st. This fall in price was due to:

(a) the fear that supply will exceed consumption by, say, 5,000 tons per month (i.e., 60,000 tons per annum, as in para 2 above), aggravated by

(b) Bear sales, based on the expected overproduction of 5,000 tons per month.

If potential production is 600,000 tons per annum and consumption is 600,000 tons, the excess 60,000 tons might be destroyed and the loss to producers on the basis of 1s. 6d. per lb. would only amount to 1.8d. per lb. on the 600,000 ton required for consumption. In other words, the reduction in price from 1s. 6d. to 9d. per lb. is the total of 1.8d. loss due to overproduction, and 7.8d. loss due to speculation. The penalty of overproduction must be paid sooner or later, but would it not be possible to save the loss caused by the operations of speculators, in the following manner?

Any individual producer could:

(a) offer his maximum production for forward delivery at the all-in cost plus, say, 10 per cent. profit (for example 9 plus 0.9 or 9.9d.).

(b) buy up to 9.9 minus 0.0625 or 9.8375 pence—all rubber offered for forward delivery, and

(c) restrict his production (and offer of production) pro rata.

If producers operating on these lines:—Succeeded in buying forward for delivery at the rate of 5,000 tons per month, and restrict production during the same month by 5,000 tons per month, they would eliminate overproduction during the said month and compel bears to cover in a market oversold by 5,000 tons the first month, 10,000 tons the second month and so on.

In the *Straits Budget* rubber supplement, of September 27th it is suggested that:—"Straits 80.14 (equivalent to 3.92d.) per lb. should more than cover actual production costs on a well managed estate, the said costs consisting of collecting, curing, packing, dispatch, etc."

If this is correct, the cost of restriction could not exceed 3.92d. per lb., for each lb. purchased, up to a maximum of 5,000 tons per month. This sum would cover all expenses, including remuneration to all employees, and, by eliminating the risks of loss of labour, would enable producers to regulate output at any figure between 100 per cent. production. At dates of deliveries (neglecting brokerage, etc.) producers could afford to cancel their purchases at (9.8375 plus 3.92) pence plus 10 per cent, or say 15.14 pence per lb. maximum, which is moderate in comparison with prices under restriction.

A group of leading producers, with a total potential production of 5,000 tons per month, produced at lowest possible cost prices, could operate on the foregoing lines with safety and profit and set an example that would probably be followed by other—and especially the high cost—producers, as soon as it was realized that squeezing bears was more profitable than producing high cost rubber.—Yours, etc.,

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TOWN TOPICS.

St. Peter's O.Y.M. Club and Street Sleepers; Xmas-tide and Charity; Small Pox; Novel Way of Vaccination.

[By R. E. PORTER.]

Street Sleepers.

On Monday night at the Cathedral Hall, the Rev. N. V. Halward, on behalf of the St. Peter's Branch of the V.D.A., made a strong appeal to members of the Church Missionary Society to provide housing accommodation for the street sleepers.

The speaker drew an appalling picture of the condition of those who had to sleep in the streets. He concluded by saying that here in a British Colony, we allow over 1,000 persons sleeping out in the streets each winter night with little protection from the cold. Mr. Halward emphasized that members of the St. Peter's Young Men's Club had personally made enquiries from these unfortunate and their replies had been almost invariably the same—that they were too poor to pay for a night's lodging.

This is all very well, but there is the other side of the picture which must be looked into before an elaborate scheme, as suggested by Mr. Halward, be launched for the betterment of our street sleepers.

It was stated that at least \$50,000 would be needed to provide a home for them. Charity can be misdirected. Mischief is often caused by being too free-handed.

There are many factors, which will render the scheme impracticable. First of all, can we teach these ignorant coolies the benefits of sanitation and hygiene? The answer is not far to seek. All we have to do is to see how the poorer Chinese view the regulations of the Sanitary Board. The quarterly general cleansing of Chinese tenement houses, enforced by the Sanitary authority for the benefit of those concerned is hated. They consider it an intrusion into their domestic life, and the remark is often heard that what could a poor Chinese expect from the hands of "foreign devils." The same thing applies to the annual lime washing of houses. Nobody knows better than the much abused Sanitary Inspectors whose duty is to enforce these regulations how much the Chinese resent them.

There is still another point which must be considered. Are these sleepers really destitute? Most of them are not. They are hard working and honest coolies. Their income is about forty or fifty cents a day, and to them this is a princely wage. They spend about 12 cents on their daily meals, and the rest goes in gambling and a pipe of opium. They must have their recreation, who can blame them, and if they choose to find distraction in gaming and dope, it is their business.

Then there is still another aspect. There are coolie houses in the Colony where a night's lodging can be obtained for three or four cents. Any coolie who wishes to have a roof over his head has only to pay a few cents. Are they willing to pay? Yes, some of them do, and those who will even deny themselves this necessity of life, will assuredly refuse to pay the "small price" (suggested at the meeting) in order to obtain a night's lodging in a hut to be provided by the St. Peter's Young Men's Club.

Then there is the question of procuring a suitable site to build either a hut or a house for these coolies. Is it to be in Kennedy Town, Shaikwan, or on the other side of the island? If it is, then there is very little chance of inducing the coolies to go all that distance to seek a night's lodging. There is no available space in the Central district, and as far as Wanchai is concerned, the Government has already stated that no ground can be assigned there. This statement was made to Mr. J. P. Braga when he urged at the Sanitary Board Meeting a month ago that a play ground be provided for Wanchai children.

We are all of us sorry for the under-dog and the "down and out," but in this matter we are on difficult ground. It is arguable that it is often better for these coolies to sleep out in stuffy quarters. This may sound callous, but we all know the prevalence of consumption in China, and by an odd irony, one "can pay through the nose in Europe to sleep out as a patient at a consumptive sanatorium.

Most of the coolies who sleep outside the doors of shops and business houses are paid for doing so. This may be another matter which the members of the St. Peter's Church Young Men's Club have overlooked. It is nevertheless true. Most of the coolies get a dollar or so a month for sleeping outside business houses in the Central districts. They are watchmen, although admittedly sleeping ones.

Small-pox.

According to the daily health report issued by the Medical Officer of Health, it appears that small pox is daily taking its toll in the Colony, most of the victims being young children. An epidemic of this kind calls for urgent measures, and it is gratifying to know that the St. John's Ambulance Brigade is organising a vaccination campaign amongst the poorer classes of the Chinese. It is a pity that the mass of people here do not know the importance of having their children vaccinated as early as possible. They often wait until the child is about a year old. The task of the authorities is, by the way, not facilitated by the fact that when a case of small pox occurs in a poor family, it is never reported. They would even hide it from their friends and thus allow infection to spread.

Another matter which calls for immediate attention is the way in which the children of poor Chinese are vaccinated. A Chinese quack is called in and he often uses vaccine taken from another child who has just been vaccinated and whose vaccination is just in the "taking stage." A child in that state is often taken from house to house thus earning a few cents for its mother by supplying vaccine.

Such a method is cruel and injurious to say the least. The victimised child never has a chance to get well. He is "tapped" for vaccine until it is almost exhausted. At the same time it is most harmful to the children who are vaccinated in that manner. Almost any hereditary disease can be passed on in this way.

Dr. Barnardo's Homes.

With Christmas almost upon us, some of our thoughts will naturally be, or ought to be, with those less fortunately placed than ourselves. With the English mail there arrived circular letters from Dr. Barnardo's Homes yesterday reminding us that Christmas is approaching and there is a family of 5,000 young ones to be fed and clothed. We all know the good work done in these homes and only ten shillings keeps a destitute child for as many days.

The Nathan Road Derby.

A regular Derby is held every night along Nathan Road, Kowloon, by the motor buses which meet the last ferry. Little harm is done, if any, and the considerable excitement and interest enlivens the late journey for the bus employees and their passengers alike. We have even heard that there is one gentleman whose sporting instincts are so highly developed, that although his flat is situated only about half a mile from the Ferry, he has allowed himself to be carried on to Sham Shui Po rather than lose his driver the race by pulling the bell!

Personality Or Brains.

Nothing produces eloquence like a bar. At a local club two gentlemen who would probably have been quite tongue tied at a Y.M.C.A. debate poured forth a volume of wit and eloquence on the subject of whether Brains or Personality was the most useful asset in life. It is not recorded whether they started by defining what they meant by the qualities they were disputing, but that sort of hair-splitting never arose.

First came a vivid picture of the new-comer, clever perhaps, but nervous, diffident and probably something wrong with his appearance—either hair too long, shoe lace undone, collar stud showing—standing in front of his taipan, all his wits scattered and wishing himself back at home. "Compare him with a brisk well set up lad, with a joke and a smile and all the latest news at his finger-tips and something amusing to say about the voyage, and a decisive 'yes sir,' when asked if he's keen on sport work, that good first impression. You know, the old man saying every now and then—'how's that bright young spark getting on?' The other fellow he never thinks about. Of course you must have some saving—but its personality gets you there."

I didn't hear the reply, but it was probably just as good. Do men talk out freely in the tea houses and soft drink palaces of the land of Pussfoot, or do they just think and brood and go bootlegging!

Pity The Hawker!

Chestnuts come from trees and therefore they are fruit," observed a Magistrate recently in discharging a licensed fruit hawker for selling what his accuser maintained was cooked food. Such reasoning assists a hawker who is bound by a long code of restrictions and finds himself at the mercy of the plain clothes man.

Although regarded by many of us as a nuisance hawkers are a necessity to the Chinese who look upon them to provide their daily needs (Continued on next column).

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL.

SUNDAY'S EFFORT FOR THE POOR.

MANY ATTRACTIONS.

Arrangements are in full swing for the 45th Annual Bazaar of the St. Vincent de Paul, which will be held to-morrow in the Compound of the R.C. Cathedral from 3.30 p.m. onwards.

Judging from the enthusiasm of the Members of the Committee, and a large number of helpers, the Fete promises to provide not only Toys of every description for children but also fun for all.

Over 7,000 toys have been imported from Europe, and these can be had at the various stalls at prices ranging from 10 cents to a maximum of \$1. As in previous years there will again be the popular Farmyard Stall, with Sausages, well-fed turkeys, geese, capons, sucking pigs etc., all from the Dairy Farm.

The Car Race.

The big feature of the Fete will naturally be the Draw for the Fontaine Six, a five-seater Sedan, the prize car of the Society. This will take place at about 10.30 a.m. The car is being taken round the town during the last two days, mounted on a truck and presents a striking appearance. Tickets for this draw, at \$3 each are still obtainable and will be sold up to 6 p.m. on the day of the Fete.

Another special feature will be a Surprise Cake with 500 slices, every slice concealing a prize. Sovereigns, half-sovereigns, jewels and coins are amongst the articles hidden in the slices.

Entertainments.

Last but not least there will be Variety Entertainments given by members of the Concert Party of H.M.S. Titania, of the Church and Tait "Manila Shows," which have just arrived for a short season in the Colony and will be opened next week, and a troupe of Chinese Magicians and Fire-eaters. The novelty of this Variety Entertainment is that each performance will last only half an hour. Entirely new turns at each performance. Admission will be at the very modest price of 30 cents for adults and 20 cents for children.

Besides tea which will be served by Lane Crawford & Co. a stall will supply at very moderate prices Hot Dogs made with Lane Crawford's rolls, and Dairy Farm Frankfurter Sausages, fried in Crisco. For the small sum of 20 cents one will be able to purchase one of these delicacies at the hands of some young ladies who will add thereto mustard and pickle.

The grounds will be illuminated in the evening and the full Military band of the R.O. Fitz-Earle, handmaster Mr. W. H. Fitz-Earle, A.R.C.M., will play both in the afternoon and the evening, by kind permission of Lt. Col. Comyn, C.M.G., D.S.O., and officers.

Given good weather and the well-known charitable support which the Hong Kong public invariably extend to every deserving cause, the 45th St. Vincent de Paul Bazaar should go down in the annals of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul as another proof of public generosity in the matter of the relief of the misery of the distressed in our midst.

BAZAAR COMMITTEE'S THANKS.

The Bazaar Committee of St. Vincent de Paul have pleasure in acknowledging receipt of the following gifts to their forthcoming Bazaar:—

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Mr. H. R. Remington, 1 case of useful fancy articles.

at small cost. Fines are daily inflicted in the Courts on those who deviate from the terms of their licences or who hawk without permits, but no risk is too great when this is the only honest means by which a man may earn a few cents which a large hatch appeared at the Courts yesterday and paid for their misdeeds with a few dollars, but one who thought he was wiser than his fellows and contested the case with his accuser found that he had to forfeit the whole of the five dollars which he had deposited as bail.

Not very long ago a man brought up for hawking without a licence made the true but amazing admission that this was his only means of livelihood, and if he was deprived of it he would have to steal. Licence could not be granted to everybody, but he had tried to get licence several times and had failed.

ROUND THE COURTS.

"SOMERSETSHIRE" INCIDENT.

NO FURTHER NEWS.

Private J. Boyle, of the King's Own Scottish Borderers, was again remanded for a further week when it was stated that no further news has been received from Colombo about Sergeant A. Kerr, the man who received a stab wound on board the troopship *Somersetshire*.

Last week it was mentioned by Mr. H. Somerset Fitzroy, Assistant Attorney-General, that the injured man was in a very critical condition and the case would assume a more serious aspect in the event of his death.

ALLEGED EMBEZZLEMENT.

Lo Kung Pak, a Chinese with many aliases, was brought before the Second Magistrate in connection with alleged embezzlement of about \$2,000 from the Kwong On Yuen firm.

Mr. F. N. Nash, who prosecuted, was granted a week's remand when he informed the Court that there was a possibility of further charges being brought against the defendant.

KOWLOON'S "FISHY" CASES.

A scavenging coolie in Kowloon was charged with unlawful possession of an empty jar which he maintained came under the class of broken articles which he was free to collect. The jar, however, was quite sound.

After hearing Sanitary Inspector Royle, the Magistrate (Mr. E. W. Hamilton) remarked that the story "looked very fishy" but he gave defendant the benefit of the doubt.

Another fishy story in which crabs were involved was given by a man who was charged with hawking. His statement that he was carrying four of these creatures for a woman who had promised to pay him twenty cents for the service drew a remark from his Worship that he must not be thought to be a fool.

Defendant was fined \$5, or seven days.

THE SAME OLD EXCUSE.

A Chinese who was sentenced to twelve months' hard labour last year for returning from banishment was again before Mr. Hamilton. Defendant declared that he was merely passing through Hong Kong on his way abroad. "I suppose that's what you said the last time," remarked his Worship in passing sentence of three months' hard labour and fifteen strokes of the birch.

A FAMILY DISPUTE.

A Chinese couple appeared before the Kowloon Magistrate and roundly abused each other, the man maintaining that he assaulted the woman because she had transferred her affections to another while the wife said that she scolded her husband for gambling, and she was then assaulted.

The husband was also charged with stealing some clothing belonging to the wife. The latter charge was dropped as it was possible the woman had given him the clothes to pawn.

According to the prosecution, the defendant was alleged to have thrown a quantity of powdered glass and pepper into the woman's face and then struck her over the head with a chisel.

Defendant was fined \$25, or one month's hard labour.

HEALTH BULLETIN OF EASTERN PORTS.

The Health Bulletin of Eastern Ports for the week ending December 1st states:—

Plague.

Bombay: 5 deaths.
Colombo: 1 case, 1 death.
Penang: 2 cases, 2 deaths.
Baghdad: 2 cases, 1 death.
Ten infected rats found in Bombay in Zone 3.

Cholera.

Calcutta: 8 deaths.
Madras: 15 deaths.
Rangoon: 2 deaths.
Tatooin: 1 case.
Pondicherry: 1 death.
Bangkok: 4 cases, 1 death.

Small-pox.

Basrah: 12 cases, 8 deaths.
Bombay: 2 cases, 1 death.
Calcutta: 2 cases, 1 death.
Madras: 18 cases, 4 deaths.
Moumein: 2 cases, 1 death.
Negapatam: 16 cases, 2 deaths.
Pondicherry: 1 death.
Samarinda: 3 cases, 1 death.
Phnom Penh: 8 cases, 4 deaths.
Shanghai: 11 deaths.
Baghdad: 34 cases, 18 deaths.



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ALLEGED OVERLOADING OF RIVER STEAMER.

SOLICITOR'S REQUEST FOR PARTICULARS.

MAGISTRATE SAYS THEY ARE IMMATERIAL.

Mr. Horace Lo, appeared on behalf of the Chuen On S.S. Co., Ltd., and Captain Thomas Jones, owner's and master respectively of the s.s. *Chuen Chom* who were summoned before Commander J. B. Newell, D.S.O., R.N., at the Marine Court for "unlawfully loading the ship to be loaded so as to submerge below the centre of the disc, at about 2.50 p.m. on Tuesday, December 4th."

Boarding Officer R. Elvridge prosecuted.

When the case was called, Mr. Lo asked the Magistrate to fix a date for the hearing as the ship had not arrived in port; and in any case he wished to see the Master about the summons. In the meantime he would be very pleased if his Worship could let him know the exact distance the ship was submerged below the centre of the disc. It might be a few feet or a mere fraction of an inch, but he would like to know as it would have great bearing on his defence. The Magistrate replied that it was really immaterial. The centre of the disc was alleged to have been submerged and that was the offence. In any case such information could only be given in evidence and if he (Mr. Lo) wished to proceed with the case he would call the evidence.

Mr. Lo replied that he would prefer to have the hearing adjourned but would like to know what he had asked for. He was entitled to such information and besides he wished to know the exact allegation.

Magistrate: The allegation is that the centre of the disc was below the water's surface. The offence is committed no matter how much or how little it is submerged. However, you may obtain such information from the prosecution, when the Court has adjourned, providing, of course, that Mr. Elvridge is willing to divulge such information.

The Magistrate then adjourned the case until Wednesday at 11.30 a.m.

Mr. Lo (to Mr. Elvridge): May I know the extent of the submerged?

Mr. Elvridge: I'm sorry but I cannot give such information except by the order of the Court.

The Magistrate remarked to Mr. Lo that he must leave it as it stood. He was not entitled to make an order for such information to be given to him (Mr. Lo) and he must obtain it from the evidence at the next hearing.

**SHRINKING TRADE
OF CANTON.****LIKIN IMPOSITIONS
BLAMED.****DIRECT SHIPMENTS FROM
HONG KONG.**

(FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.)

CANTON, December 7th.

Business in Canton is declining day by day, as seen from the vast number of shops that have been closed. Even in those that are open the present volume of business is far from what it was previously. Many proprietors in conversation with our correspondent said that they are doing only from one-third to one-half of what they did a year and a half or two years ago. They pointed out that over 45 of the wholesale fruit stores have been forced to close during the past month, and more are likely to follow the same fate before the end of the present lunar year. The hand embroidery works are equally bad. Hitherto this has been a most flourishing enterprise and Canton has long been noted for its beautiful hand embroideries.

FOREIGN TRADERS HIT.

The business decline in Canton is not only confined to the Chinese merchants; the foreign traders here are equally hard hit. Formerly the shops on Shamian were all occupied, but now as our correspondent walked through the Island, he saw many shops closed with signs "to be let" hung on the front door. These foreign traders either have entirely closed their business and left Canton or reduced their business to a much smaller scale so as to save overhead expenses. This is in particular true of the foreign exporters, whose business for the past year or so has been only about one-half of what it was previously.

LIKIN EXACTIIONS.

The primary cause for this general and appalling decline in business in Canton the Chinese merchants attribute to the *likin* taxations. They say that when their goods are imported from Hong Kong, a free port, to Canton to their way to the interior, they have to pay *likin* upon arrival in Canton, and when they leave Canton on their way to their final destination, they have to pay more *likins*. Because of these conditions the merchants have found it cheaper to ship their goods from Hong Kong direct to their destination without passing through Canton, thus avoiding double payment of *likin*.

At present the only ports which have to depend upon Canton for goods bought at Hong Kong are those of the North River districts where there are no vessels plying directly from Hong Kong, but the merchants point out that they too will not have to depend upon Canton when the railroad loop from Wongsha and Tai Sha Tau is constructed. If this is done the Canton-Kowloon Railway can proceed directly to Shinkwan through the North River districts.

The merchants finally point that the only way to revive trade in Canton and to restore its former commercial splendour and activities is for the Canton Government to abolish the *likin*, so that merchants in the interior of Kwangtung would not have to resort to importing goods from Hong Kong as they are now doing.

THE ROSS INSTITUTE.**THANKS FOR HONG KONG'S
HELP.**

The following telegram has been received by Mrs. Southern from the Secretary of the Ross Institute, on receipt of the cheque for £140, the result of the Bridge and Mah Jong party at the Helena May Institute on October 17th:—

Please accept heartiest thanks. Letter follows.

Secretary, Ross Institute.

**AN INNOCENT
COUNTRY GIRL?****ALLEGED HARBOURING.****ESCAPE FROM UNSATISFACTORY
HUSBAND.**

A Chinese woman was before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon on two charges of harbouring with intent to persuade a young Chinese girl under the age of 21 to become a prostitute, and attempting to sell her to a man in Fanling. Mr. E. A. D. Forrest prosecuted on behalf of the Secretariat of Chinese Affairs, the defendant being unrepresented.

In outlining the case Mr. Forrest said that the complainant was first brought to the notice of the department when she was arrested for creating a disturbance in Yau-mat. The girl was eventually brought to the Secretariat where she said that she was married and had left her husband with his consent. She came to Hong Kong with the defendant who had promised to assist her in obtaining work. When they arrived in Hong Kong the girl was taken to Sha Tau Kok where the defendant attempted to sell her to a man who lived there. The girl then realized what the defendant was doing and refused to go with the man. She was brought back to Yau-mat where she was kept for several days during which time the defendant urged her to enter a "house" at West Point. The girl made up an excuse to leave the house for a little while and hurried to a letter writer with the intention of communicating with her mother. The husband of the defendant followed her, there was a scene, a crowd collected and the defendant was subsequently arrested.

The girl, Young Kuen, aged 16, said that she was married in Kowloon but as she could not get on with her husband's parents she decided to leave him and find work. Her husband consented to the separation and the defendant came forward with an offer to bring her to Hong Kong where she could obtain work.

A few days after their arrival in the Colony the defendant took her to a place in Fanling where a go-between came to see her. She heard the woman bargain with the defendant for a sum of \$230. The go-between asked her if she would consent to live with the man but witness refused. They returned to Yau-mat where the defendant suggested that as she would not consent to be a secondary wife she must become one of the girls in West Point. This witness also refused, and the defendant became angry. Later witness left the house but defendant's husband followed her, stopped her, and threatened to beat her. A crowd surrounded them and she was eventually taken to the Police Station where she told her story.

The mother of the girl said that the defendant had offered to take her married daughter to Hong Kong and get her work. There had been no quarrel between the girl and her husband, but husband not being well off, allowed her to come to Hong Kong in search of work.

The defendant in her statement said that the girl and her mother were out to harm her. She had taken the girl to Fanling because she did not like her husband and wanted a better one. The Magistrate adjourned the hearing remarking that he had an idea that the girl had run away from her husband.

THE MANILA SHOWS.**OPENING TO-NIGHT ON PRAYA
EAST.**

The Manila Shows are opening to-night on the Praya East and it is expected that a large number of people will take advantage of their season to enjoy themselves on swings and roundabouts.

It has been announced by the management of the Shows that a children's day is to be held next week when the poor children of the town will be given a full measure of enjoyment free. Some 1,500 to 2,000 children will be admitted, and will be given rides on the seaplanes, merry-go-rounds, etc. They will also be entertained by a Filipino circus, and a couple of child members of the troupe will be deputed as hosts and will show their guests how to dance the Tango, Black Bottom, and the Charleston. Jesse Adams, the tall boy from Kokomo has promised to shake hands with every child, while Joe Peters is to give special outdoor act for their benefit.

The offer on the part of the Manila Shows is a most generous one, and the day will long be remembered by the poor children who will be there for the day.

CORRESPONDENCE.**A CORRECTION BY MR.
HUSSEY-FREKE.**(TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONG KONG
DAILY PRESS.")

SIR,—I am indebted to a correspondent of the North China Standard for pointing out an incorrectness of the statement contained in my published memorandum of November 20th, 1928, to the effect that "the Inspectorate has never been connected in any way with such loans nor even possesses any record of their flotation or existence." [Note: Loan secured on Salt Revenue Surplus.] The facts are as follows:

The Inspectorate has on its files certain information concerning loans—not, it appears, a complete list—raised by the Minister of Finance on the security of the Salt Surplus prior to 1923. Up to that time it was the practice for the Chief Inspectors to release the Surplus in whole or in part in the form of payments to such of the Minister's creditors as he should direct from time to time and payments in respect of a number of such loans were made. In August, 1923, the Minister instructed the Chief Inspectors that henceforth all Salt Surplus should be released to him in one lump sum and this principle has been strictly carried out from that time on.

I much regret the inaccuracy of the statement above referred to, which was made through inadvertence.—Yours faithfully,

E. HUSSEY-FREKE,

Associate Chief Inspector
of Salt Revenues.

Peking, Nov. 26th, 1928.

**THE HONG KONG ART
CLUB.****INTERESTING EXHIBITION
BY LOCAL ARTISTS.****PICTURES TO KEEP AND
TO SEND HOME.**

The annual exhibition of the Hong Kong Art Club will be held this year on Wednesday and Thursday next on the top floor of Pender Building which has been kindly lent to the Club for the occasion. The exhibition will be open between 10.30 a.m. and 7 p.m. on either day and nearly 300 pictures will be on view. These are for the great part water colours, but pencil work, pastel and oil paintings are also included.

The Hong Kong Art Club is a membership of local men and women who are united by a common love of art. Some among them are painters of considerable merit, others amateurs, but they all paint because they love it, and their work reflects this and every picture has charm whatever its merits may be as a work of art.

The greater number of the exhibits are local scenes, views such as we pass every day, and which have made Hong Kong one of the beauty spots of the world. When you wander round the exhibition you will see many familiar scenes which will recall outings, walks and those moments when you have been held spell bound by a sunset or the flame of a pomegranate against a mass of sombre foliage.

Letters are but poor things, at best, for few of us are gifted with the power to describe something which the reader has never seen, but almost any one of these sketches would show those at home, what your surroundings are here in the distant East. They would picture you walking along the narrow Peak Road and stand beside you as you look again and again at the wonders of the harbour. And for yourself, especially if you are going home and leaving Hong Kong for good, such a sketch would hold memories which can never fade, and you will look at it again and again and show the children the picture of the land where they were born.

Because the Club is composed mainly of amateurs, who seek no material gain from their art, the pictures are all cheap, and for a very small sum you can become the possessor of a painting which will indeed prove "a thing of beauty and a joy for ever."

Quite apart, however, from this, possibly, sentimental value the exhibition is well worth seeing from the point of view of the artist or art lover. The artist will recapture some of his young enthusiasm as he looks at these sketches which speak of love and faithful care, sketches which it is very easy to see with the eyes of the artist, forgetting the faults in the realisation of the vision and enthusiasm which created them. For the amateur there is much to be learnt, especially for one who has followed the work of the exhibitors through several exhibitions. He will see how faults have been overcome, and how certain effects have been achieved, and he will leave Pender Building with a fresh spur to go on and paint the masterpieces which

THE MOSLEM REVOLT IN KANSU.**DETAILS OF APPALLING MASSACRE AND CRUELITIES
COMBINED WITH FAMINE.****A PROVINCE DOOMED TO DESTRUCTION.**

The following terrible report, contributed to the "North China Daily News," is the first detailed and authentic account of the Mohammedan rebellion which has been raging in Kansu. The correspondent Mr. W. W. Simpson thinks the estimate of 200,000 Chinese dead a conservative one.

Mincow, Kansu, Nov. 5th.

The rebellion began in April. The underlying cause was the dissatisfaction of the Mohammedans with the ambition of one of their chiefs, Ma Ting Siang, third son of the famous Ma An Liang, who has long wished to make Kansu a Moslem State since years ago he was placed in charge of one of the eight Military Districts of Kansu with headquarters at Liangchow. He surrounded himself with young ambitious Moslems who held the same views as himself and trained a big Moslem army. The young Moslems of Kansu are very numerous, powerful and impatient of restraint, were his devoted followers.

Last spring, when General Liu Yu Feng, Chief of the Provincial Government, was throwing all the strength of his army into the war against Chang Tso Lin, General Ma, encouraged by emissaries of Chang Tso Lin who promised to aid him with men and munitions, gave the signal for rebellion.

At first the object was simply to overthrow the Provincial Government, drive the Kuomintang out of Kansu, and set up a new Government composed only of native Kansu men, Moslems of course, which Chang Tso Lin had pledged to recognize as the legal government of Kansu. But the Moslems of Kansu are very fanatical and began their rebellion by brutal butcheries of Chinese. The Moslems of Kansu are different from the Chinese in race and religion and frequent wars have made them inveterate enemies.

Ambitious Young Moslems.

These initial butcheries stirred the Chinese to retaliate, therefore the rebellion soon became a massacre. Though the older Mohammedan leader held aloof their soldiers practically all joined the rebels, bringing all their arms and ammunition. The Chinese civilians were practically unarmed and the Kuomintang so few that the Moslem armies quickly took possession of all West Kansu except Hsichow city and Ningho, a large town 90 li south. Three times the Moslems have fiercely assaulted Hsichow, for days at a time and had been driven back with the greatest difficulty. Ningho has been besieged about five months and is now practically given up as lost, the Kuomintang being unable to send relief. Pingfan, Kulan and Liangchow have been taken and lost and retaken by the Kuomintang, undergoing long sieges and fierce assaults. Practically the entire Moslem population living west of a line drawn north and south through Lanchow has joined the rebellion.

The Dead Lie In Piles.

The Moslems have taken all the roads entering Hsichow except the one from Lanchow west of Yellow River to a point 50 li north of Hsichow, thence south to the city. This is the road I took. On October 2nd I crossed the Yellow River on a crude ferry a few li from the town of Lienhua. The ferry-men told me that last summer the Moslems came in force, captured the town, pursued the fleeing inhabitants to the bank of the Yellow River just where it is joined by the Hsia River from the south, and there massacred over 5,000 men, women and children. Several heaps of stones near the ferry landing marks the places where bodies lay in stacks until devoured by wolves, dogs and vultures.

From Lienhua I went south 40 li to Hsichow. The city is filled with Chinese refugees who fled from their homes on the approach of the rebels and are now cooped in the city or camped just outside the wall under the protection of the garrison on the walls, and in the fort they have erected just north of the city.

Slaughter And Pestilence.

The Magistrate, himself a Mohammedan from Chihli, told me that in the vicinity of Hsichow 10,000 Chinese civilians were massacred and more than that number had perished in the pestilence consequent on the unsanitary condition in the city. 300 to 400 corpses daily being carried or thrown out of the city for four months. Cooler weather has now reduced the number of deaths but still about 100 per day die. Food was so scarce that the Magistrate had to compel the civilian population to give 5,000 taels of silver to

day for months to feed the garrison. Hundreds of children entirely uncared for, their parents and relatives having either been killed in the massacre, separated in the flight or died in the pestilence, were in such misery that I arranged to take as many as we can house into our buildings and feed and clothe them. How long we can care for them depends on the offerings of money, clothing, bedding, etc. we receive from others. But there are thousands of such children! We can house only 50!

"Give Us Your Girls."

In many villages the Chinese and Moslems were living side by side. When rumours of trouble disturbed the Chinese their Moslem neighbours assured them of effectual protection. But when the set time came their protectors rose en masse, surrounded the homes of the Chinese, and killed all with the most cruel tortures except the young married women and bigger girls whom they forced into their harems. On that day the Government troops stationed at Sientienpu joined the Mintang and drove the Moslems back. From the west side of the river they are constantly deriding the Chinese, shouting across, "Give us your big girls."

200,000 A Low Estimate.

I have met men from Ningho, a large walled town 90 li south of Hsichow, and they told me at least 70,000 Chinese including those who dwell there, were shut in during the five months siege. Of these only about half now lives, the remainder having perished in the siege, or died of hunger and pestilence. That means another big massacre of 35,000 men, women and children!

The estimate of 200,000 having perished in this rebellion, given some three months ago, I think very conservative. Reports say the entire Chinese population from Pingfan to Liangchow, three districts, either fled to the mountains or were slain by the Moslems. Practically no quarter is given now by either side and no consideration given to non-combatants. Merciless war, gaunt famine, unchecked pestilence, these three horrors have already destroyed more than half a million people in Kansu and the worst is yet to come! Of course you fortunate ones luxuriating in palatial residences, fattening on the produce of all nations brought to your doors, and protected by the armies and navies your inexhaustible riches have created, you can't believe such horrors possible in this Twentieth Century. But I have seen with my own eyes, heard with my own ears and felt with my own agonised heart the grinding to death of a sentient people!

Ma Fu Hsiang Stands Loyal.

Not all the Moslem leaders have joined the rebellion. General Ma Fu Hsiang and his officers with their armies have loyally supported Marshal Feng in his strenuous fight against Fengtien and are now aiding General Liu against their co-religionists in rebellion. In Lanchow, September 30th, I met General Ma Hong Ping, a nephew of General Ma Fu Hsiang, who had just arrived from Honan. After some days' consultation with the Provincial Government he left for Hsichow about October 10th to try his best to persuade as many of the rebels as possible to desert Ma Ting Hsiang and surrender to the Government forces. Just what success he is having I do not know. Marshal Feng met General Liu on his recent trip to Shensi and after learning the particulars about the rebellion, famine, etc. issued a long proclamation exhorting the rebel Moslems to surrender and threatening death to all who persist in supporting Ma Ting Hsiang.

Three Million In Misery.

The population of the entire region affected by the rebellion must be about 3,000,000.

Numerous bands of robbers roam almost at will in other parts of Kansu, their nuclei being chiefly Moslem soldiers, well armed and mounted. The rogues and rascals and starving refugees join them in looting villages, towns and, occasionally, walled cities. No place in Kansu is safe! Taken altogether I think I am correct in calling it the doomed province! Unless help comes very soon and in great abundance and efficiency there is nothing for Kansu but

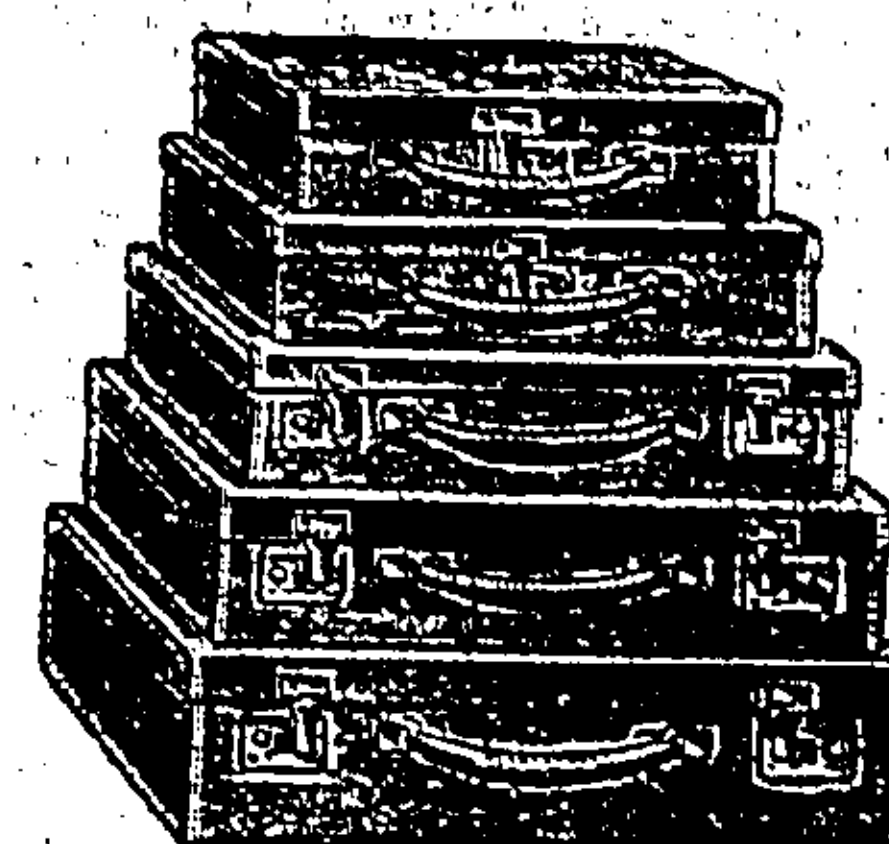
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IN H.B.M. CONSULAR COURT
AT AMOY.
FANKRUITY JURISDICTION
No. 3 of 1928.
Re TAIT & CO.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that there will be a MEETING
of CREDITORS of the above named
Debtor Firm at 10 O'clock in the
Forenoon in the Court Room at
H.B.M. CONSULATE, AMOY, on
FRIDAY, 14th DAY of DECEMBER,
1928. Creditors wishing to
attend should send in their Claims
to the Undersigned, at the Firm's
Address, AMOY.
Dated this 28th day of November, 1928.
W. D. RUSSELL, A.C.A.,
Receiver. [7073]

IN H.B.M. CONSULAR COURT
AT AMOY.
BANKRUPTCY JURISDICTION
No. 3 of 1928.
Re TAIT & COMPANY.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that the above named Court has
appointed the 13th DAY of DECEMBER
1928, at 10 O'clock in the Forenoon,
for proceeding with the Public Examination
of the above named Debtor Firm
in the Court Room at H.B.M.
CONSULATE, AMOY.
Dated this 28th day of November, 1928.
W. D. RUSSELL, A.C.A.,
Receiver. [7074]

IN H.B.M. CONSULAR COURT
AT AMOY.
BANKRUPTCY JURISDICTION
No. 3 of 1928.
In the Matter of TAIT &
COMPANY, Debtors.

WHEREAS An Order dated 16th
OCTOBER, 1928, was made
against the above Debtors on the
Petition of JAMES LARDEN BROM-
FIELD representing himself to be the
Sole Partner.
And Whereas it now appears that
FREDERICK BROUGHAM MAR-
SHALL is still a Partner in the Debtor
Firm.
Now upon concurrence of the said
FREDERICK BROUGHAM MAR-
SHALL in the said Petition.
It is ordered that the Receiver Order
of 16th OCTOBER, 1928, be amended to
include FREDERICK BROUGHAM
MARSHALL as Partner in TAIT &
COMPANY.
Dated this 26th day of November, 1928.
By the Court,
H. H. BRISTOW,
Provincial Judge
[7075]

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[7064]

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PEARLS FOR PRESENTS—Ma.
KODAKA will arrive in Hong
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14th with a COLLECTION OF
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later. [5388]

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The Daily Press

Hong Kong, DECEMBER 8th, 1928.

"BLUE PRINTS" OF WAR
AND PEACE.

AMERICAN advocates of naval expansion
are astonished and indignant.
President COOLIDGE, in his retiring
Message to Congress, has requested
that no date be fixed for laying
down the projected fifteen new
cruisers. While the President
would like to see the Bill passed
for the construction of these ships,
he does not wish the work to be
undertaken forthwith. This atti-
tude appears to conflict with the
tone of his address on Armistice
Day, and the "big navy" men in
the United States complain that if
the date for commencing their
naval construction is left to the
discretion of the Chief Executive,
their project for extending Ameri-
can cruiser strength will be reduced
to nothing. The United States
will have an efficient navy, but in-
stead of being on the water ready
for action, it will repose in-
definitely in a drawer at the Navy
Department in the form of a collec-
tion of blue-prints!

It is easy to understand the dis-
appointment of the "big navy"
men at the President's recom-
mendation. Earnest advocates of
international peace are equally dis-
appointed that the blue-prints
elaborately prepared for carrying
out disarmament have been poked
away in pigeon-holes and forgotten.
President COOLIDGE himself must
have some pungent things in his
mind when he recalls what hap-
pened to various blue-prints sub-
mitted by himself for examination by the
Naval Powers at Geneva. Then
there were the Anglo-French blue-
prints for a naval compromise
which completely ignored America's
views about the limitation of
cruisers. Examination of these

INTIMATIONS.



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fatuous plans—which allowed
France to have a free hand in
building submarines—resulted in
American experts coming to the
conclusion that these particular
blue-prints were deliberately drawn
with the object of torpedoing
American efforts to bring about
parity in cruisers. Latest reports
from Washington indicate that Mr.
KELLOGG has an idea that Great
Britain is about to resume discus-
sion of this vexed question of the
cruiser tonnage. We hope he is
right, and we hope the discussion
will lead to definite results being
reached. Anglo-American relations
are not so friendly as they should
be—and the responsibility is not all
on one side of the Atlantic.

The blue-prints of the proposed
Anglo-French naval compromise
have been dropped into the waste-
paper basket, but the Kellogg Pact
blue-prints are still on the tables
of the various international experts
to whom they were submitted for
approval. There seems to be a
difference of opinion as to the
original intention of the Kellogg
Pact. It is understood that Pre-
sident COOLIDGE meant it to be
taken as an assurance that although
his country could not join the
League of Nations, it would—in a
crisis—act with the League, or
certainly not against it. Further,
in the event of an international
dispute, the United States would
expect to be consulted before, and
not after, hostilities had begun. In
other words, the United States
would be practically an effective
partner with the League, though
not actually a member of it. Mr.

KELLOGG's blue-prints, however,

did not meet with a very favour-
able reception on the other side of
the Atlantic, and although even-
tually initialled it is doubtful what
the plan would be worth if the
time came to put it into operation.

Something seems to have gone
wrong, too, with the Locarno
Agreement. The blue-prints pre-
pared prior to the signature of
that compact pledged Britain to
defend France if attacked by Ger-
many, or Germany if attacked by
France. The old Anglo-French
entente was supposed to have been
dissolved—yet about a month ago
Lord CUSHENDEN (then acting as
Foreign Secretary), in denying the
suggestion that a new Anglo-
French entente had been formed,
declared that the old one had never
been dissolved! Next day the
Prime Minister said there had been
no abandonment of the impar-
tiality and conciliation which
Britain assumed at the signing of
the Locarno Pact. How, then, can
an Anglo-French entente exist, or
persist? Our interests and our
inclinations alike prompt us to
preserve and even strengthen the
cordiality of our relations with
Germany as well as with France,
declared Mr. BALDWIN—but how
this frank statement can be made
to fit in with Lord CUSHENDEN's re-
ferences the previous day to the
continuance of the old Anglo-French
entente is more than we can say.

There is now a lively three-
cornered controversy going on con-
cerning the continued presence of
Allied troops in the Rhineland.
The blue-prints of the Versailles
Treaty are being closely scrutinised
in London, Paris, and Berlin, and
strangely different conclusions have
been reached as a result of those
examinations. At the last Assembly
of the League of Nations Germany
put forward a claim for a im-
mediate evacuation of the Rhine-
land. France refused to discuss

the demand on its merits; but in-
dicated that if Germany would
help France to settle with America
by selling her reparations bonds,
evacuation of the Rhineland would
follow. Apparently there has been
some untoward hitch in carrying
out this arrangement—and appar-
ently the "Locarno Spirit" has
evaporated, for the cables tell us
that M. BRIAND declared France
must act with her former Allies in
dealing with the problems ahead,
and Sir AVSTEN CHAMBERLAIN very
plainly tells Germany that the
provisions of the Peace Treaty have
not yet been carried out to the
extent which warrants a request for
the withdrawal of foreign troops
from the Rhineland. France and
Italy, too, are having a little
armament race between them on the
Alpine ranges. The French Minis-
ter for War declares that France
will match Italy's frontier fortifica-
tions "gun for gun"—which is
scarcely in keeping with the
Locarno spirit of peace. Altogether,
then, the international situation
generally is not at all reassuring,
and we can appreciate the irrita-
tion of the "big navy" men, in
all countries at any development
which checks their ambitions. At
the same time, we must be grateful
to President COOLIDGE for suggest-
ing that the blue-prints for the
fifteen new American cruisers be
kept in cold storage for awhile. If
acted upon, it will at least give
an opportunity for further talk on
the subject of reducing naval arma-
ments—talk which let us hope will
not be everlasting, as Mr. BRITTON
calls it, but will proceed slowly
but surely in the direction of secur-
ing world peace.

News and Views.

The date of the Oxford and
Cambridge bazaar has been fixed
for Saturday, March 23rd, and will
be rowed at noon.

Fourteen cases of small-pox,
two from Kowloon and two from
Victoria were recorded on Thurs-
day. One case of diphtheria and
one of enteric were also notified.

The bodies of 3 children were
recovered yesterday from the Har-
bour by police launches, and sent
to the Kowloon Mortuary. It is
suspected that the children died
from small-pox.

Owing to illness Captain A. W.
Austin, M.C., was not present at
the meeting of the Referees' Asso-
ciation at the Chaplain's Hut,
Scandal Point, yesterday. His lec-
ture on organisation and adminis-
tration of football will be given at
a later date.

Mr. E. W. Hamilton, the Kow-
loon Magistrate, has received many
enquiries about the cat which dis-
turbed the serenity of the Court
from its prison in the ceiling. He
informed the Press yesterday that
the animal had been safely rescued
and was quite happy.

A public car, No. 230, in charge
of an Indian driver, was destroyed
early yesterday morning by fire
which broke out in the radiator
and spread to the body of the
vehicle. The car was returning
from Aberdeen and caught fire
near the Chinese Cemetery at Pok-
fulam.

The tramway standard in the
middle of the roadway opposite the
Naval Yard gate received a hard
knock from a public motor-car yester-
day forenoon and its base was
badly damaged. A Dodge car, No.
234, was responsible, and this
vehicle was also damaged. It was
stated that the driver of the car
disappeared after crashing into the
post.

A Chinese named Kwok Chuen,
age 84 years, attempted to commit
suicide by jumping off the Star
Ferry boat *Golden Star* while cross-
ing from Kowloon to Hong Kong.
The man was fortunately rescued
by a naval yard picket boat which
was passing at the time, and was
taken back on the ferry boat. The
man is now at the Kowloon
Hospital.

The many friends of Dr. Eva Ho
Tung (daughter of Sir Robert Ho
Tung), who graduated from this
University in December, 1928, will
be glad to learn that she has re-
cently gained another distinction
by passing the examination for
the Membership of the Royal
College of Physicians of Ireland
(M.R.C.P.I.). We believe this is
the first time that such an honour
has been conferred on a Chinese
lady, and we congratulate her on
her success.

Lieut.-Colonel C. E. F. Rich,
Governor of Walton Prison, Liver-
pool, some time ago decided to
allow the younger prisoners to play
football, not only among themselves
but against local teams. The re-
sults were regarded as so satis-
factory that the match has become
a weekly feature of the prison life.
Colonel Rich states that his chief
idea in introducing football into
the prison routine was to endow
the sportsmanlike into the lives of
the inmates. The players were in-
variably youngsters who were in the
prison, if not for a course of
Borstal treatment, at least more
for that kind of treatment than as
convicts. "We organize football
matches among the lads themselves,"
he added, "and occasionally I in-
vite an outside team to come and
play against them. It gives plea-
sure to both sides."

The Manchester University Union
recently debated the proposition
"That this house has more confi-
dence in the psychologist than the
physician." When the question was
finally put to vote the result was
a tie. The President tactfully pro-
mised to give his casting vote after
an interval of twelve months, and
adjourned the house. The sup-
porters of the motion relied mainly
on the somewhat Socratic argument
that the physician attended only to
the body, but the psychologist to
the whole man; and that therefore
the psychologist must be the more
considerable person. Their relation
was compared to that of the
mechanic and the engineer. The
attack was ingeniously turned by
the suggestion that psychology was
not a science but a group of
sciences, all of which could not be
mastered by one man. An amend-
ment of no confidence in either call-
ing was negatived.

Seventy-five per cent. of America's
business-men are said to frequent
hairdressers' parlours for permanent
waves. Members of the London
Stock Exchange who have been re-
proved for playing golf on Satur-
day may now find some comfort in
the thought that when they are on
the links the American rival who
is quoted as an example of 100 per
cent. industry is probably in the
beauty parlour getting his hair
waved. Of course, the addicts
make out that crimped locks are
in the interests of his business, but
the hairdresser has to help in
perhaps the most surprising part
of the whole business. One would
have expected that a man would
have been able by sheer executive
grip to keep his hair in curl with-
out outside aid. Electricity ought
not to be needed; the Napoleon of
commerce ought to be equal to
waving his own hair by mere mental
concentration.

COLONY'S WATER
SUPPLY.STILL STORAGE FOR SIX
MONTHS.

33 MILLION GALLONS SAVED
LAST MONTH.

The return issued by the Water
Authority on December 1st shows
that the total storage in the
Island is 1,201.83 million gallons,
compared with 1,701.25 million
gallons at the same time last year.

At the end of October the stor-
age was 1,300.23 million gallons, so
the expenditure has been 188 mil-
lion gallons. The consumption per
head per day has been 15.3 gallons
compared with 18.1 gallons in
October which means a saving on
an estimated population of 428,000
of 1.19 million gallons per day or
33.7 million gallons for the month.

At the present rate of expendi-
ture there is still a six months' supply in the Colony, making allow-
ance for evaporation and silt at
the bottom of the reservoirs.

The following are the details of
the return:—

CITY AND HILL DISTRICT
WATER WORKS.

Tytam: 9' 4" below overflow in
1927; 15' 2" below overflow this
year.
Tytam Byewash: 19' 10" below
overflow in 1927; 25' 6" below
overflow this year.
Tytam Intermediate: Level with
overflow in 1927; 0' 2" below
overflow this year.
Tytam Tuk: 11' 9" below overflow
in 1927; 34' 11" below overflow
this year.
Wong Nei Chung: 12' 1" below
overflow in 1927; 20' 7" below
overflow this year.
Pokfulam: 17' 1" below overflow in
1927; 21' 9" below overflow this
year.

Storage in Millions and Decimals
Of Gallons.

	1927.	1928.
Tytam	309.88	268.39
Tytam Byewash	9.78	5.56
Tytam Intermediate	185.00	194.98
Tytam Tuk	1,146.25	707.33
Wong Nei Chung	16.32	9.45
Pokfulam	29.94	21.15
Total	1,701.25	1,201.83

Consumption of water in the
City and Hill District in millions
and decimals of gallons during the
month of November.

	1927.	1928.
Consumption	283.83	196.17
Estimated popula- tion	417,080	427,400
Consumption per head per day	22.7	15.3

Full supply in all Rider Main
Districts during November 1927
with the exception of the districts
West of Eastern Street where an
intermittent supply was given from
November 18th to 30th, 1927.
Services to houses in the Rider
Main Districts were disconnected
and a supply was given by public
street fountains only during
November 1928.

KOWLOON WATER WORKS.

Kowloon Reservoir: 8' 7" below
overflow in 1927; 0' 10" below
overflow this year.
Shekai-pui Reservoir: 0' 5" below
overflow in 1927; 1' 10" below
overflow this year.
Reception Reservoir: 0' 7" below
overflow in 1927.

Storage in Millions and Decimals
Of Gallons.

	1927.	1928.
Kowloon Reservoir	968.00	343.84
Shekai-pui Reservoir	89.10	108.68
Reception Reservoir	31.61	—
Total	1,088.71	452.50

Consumption of water in Kow-
loon in millions and decimals of
gallons during the month of Novem-
ber.

	1927.	1928.
Consumption	83.41	105.21
Estimated popula- tion	162,760	167,800
Consumption per head per day	19.1	20.9

Full supply in all districts during
November 1927 and 1928.
The Government Analyst's re-
ports show that the quality of the
water is satisfactory.

The total rainfall to November
30th was 71.14 inches compared
with 106.50 inches at the same
time last year.

WEATHER REPORT.

Yesterday's weather report, fore-
cast and remarks, issued by the
Royal Observatory at 5.10 p.m.,
stated:—

The anticyclone remains station-
ary and fresh to strong monsoon
will prevail along the south-east
coast of China and over the China
Sea.

Local Forecast:—N.E. winds,
fresh, fine generally.

HOOVER'S TRAVELS IN
CHINA.ADVENTUROUS WEDDING
TRIP.

It is well known that Herbert
Hoover married in 1899, and took
his bride on a wedding trip to
China, where he had accepted a
position with the Chinese Depart-
ment of Mines. It would have
been a wonderful opening for the
young man if conditions in China
had not been so upset, and the
Boxer War had not been immin-
ent. But no European then knew
that violent reaction against West-
ern influences was so near.

Arrived in Peking, Hoover plunged
into work, which took him into
Manchuria, Mongolia, Chihli, Shan-
tung and Shansi provinces. Mrs.
Hoover often accompanied him on
his journeys. When they were at
home in Peking, they entertained
and were entertained by the other
foreign residents of Peking and
Tientsin, and Hoover got his first
acquaintance in the steamy side of
international intrigue.

Active In Siege Of Tientsin.

He was recalled from one of his
trips by the illness of Mrs. Hoover,
who was suffering from an attack
of influenza. Hoover took her to
Tientsin where there was a good
European doctor, and so it hap-
pened that when the Boxer broke
out, Hoover and his wife were in
Tientsin, where they remained
during the siege. The Hoovers
took an active part in defence
work, and the task of properly pro-
tecting the health of the foreigners
under siege.

Coal Mining Post.

When the war was over, Hoover
was without a job. He was pre-
paring to return to California,
when he was offered a job with a
large coal-mining company, oper-
ated by Chinese, but with foreign
engineers. He undertook a trip to
Europe for the company, and in
December, 1900, returned to China
as chief engineer for the reorgan-
ized company. The Hoovers now
had their headquarters at Tong
Shan, 110 miles east of Peking.
Tientsin. The company, of which
Hoover was engineering and ad-
ministrative head, operated coal
mines, made cement, operated
canals, had interests in ocean ship-
ping and in a railroad, 25,000 men
were in its employ.

John Newberry, one of Hoover's
assistants, tells an interesting story
of Hoover's life in Tong Shan,
which is re-told in Will Irwin's
Life of Hoover.

Hoover and Newberry were re-
turning from a winter journey to
Shanghai on a coal-mining vessel
which ran for days in a storm with
the passengers working the pumps.
Finally the skipper ran it into
Chingwantao harbour, which was
full of ice cakes. Hoover and New-
berry, jumping from ice-cake to
ice-cake, made land and dried out
their clothes at a charcoal fire in a
native hut.

"Northward from this town ran
a railroad to Tong Shan, some 150
miles distant. Disorganized, like
everything in China at the moment,
it was used only for the occasional
transportation of troops. A British
military train was getting up steam
for a start. Hoover, explaining
who they were and how they hap-
pened to be there, applied to the
India-service Colonel in-charge for
a passage in his car. The Colonel,
looking over Hoover and Newberry,
observing their wrinkled clothing
and four-day beards, seemed to
classify them as liars and tramps.
"You may ride with the troops,"
he said with an air of one who
stands viruously by his race, even
though the specimen in question be
a low and suspected person."

Scores Off A Colicall.

They tucked themselves in among
the shivering Hindu soldiers. The
train started, crawled, stopped.
Hoover and Newberry dropped to
earth and strolled forward. The
engine, unprepared for the Boxer
uprising, began, had broken down
beyond repair—at least the Hindu
engineer thought so: he was rest-
ing. Hoover diagnosed the trouble,
took a mechanic's hammer, and
started Yankee-fashion to fix
things. The Colonel, finding him
at this mental occupation felt his
worst suspicions confirmed. He
began ordering Hoover about.

"Brother," said Hoover, "I'm
the only person here present who
can get you out of this fix. Any
more of your lip, and I leave you
where you are." The Colonel
sputtered, but he retired to his
own private car.

Jury repairs completed, they
started again. They had crawled
a few miles more when they came
to another halt—the engine simply
could not keep up sufficient steam
to pull the heavy train over the
grade. The Colonel, by messenger,
ordered his unknown passengers
to make more repairs. Thereupon
Hoover and Newberry uncoupled
the engine and sent word back to
the Colonel that they would run
it down the track and look for
help. They kept on running 150
miles into Tong Shan, where they
notified the British authorities of
this hitch in troop movements.
The Colonel and his regiment re-
mained as they were for twenty-
four hours. Next week, this same
force marched into Tong Shan—in
which Hoover was a king—demand-
ing billets. "Well, we'll give you
a house and keep you warm," said
Hoover to the Colonel, "which is
more than you would do for us."

IMPORTANT VISIT TO CHINA.

JAPANESE ENVOY SETS OUT.

INTERNAL POLITICAL SITUATION.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Tokyo, Dec. 7th. The departure for Shanghai of Mr. Tokonami this evening is causing much conjecture, especially as he intends to meet the leading Nationalists, and afterwards to proceed to Manchuria. There is reason to believe that Baron Tanaka will listen to any suggestions he may make after his return, and Baron Tanaka may modify his China policy accordingly for the purpose of ensuring the support of Tokonami's Shinto Party during the coming session of the Diet, thus ensuring a Government majority.

It is believed that Mr. Tokonami would like to see Japan supporting the Nationalists in return for the recognition of Japan's predominant economic interests in Manchuria.

JAPANESE LOANS.

(Wah Tai Yat Pao).

SHANGHAI, Dec. 7th. Mr. T. V. Soong told Chinese Pressmen yesterday that as the result of the recent negotiation concluded with Mr. Yada, China would recognise the Nishihara Loan and from the beginning of next year a sum of \$5,000,000 would be allotted from the increased Customs receipts for the purpose of re-arranging the loan service. Hereafter each year \$1,000,000 would be added to the original sum for the payment of interest and principal.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

(Wah Tai Yat Pao).

SHANGHAI, Dec. 7th. Dr. C. T. Wang has reported the latest trend of diplomatic affairs in the following statement: "No progress has been made at present in the Sino-Japanese diplomatic conditions although informal discussions are still going on. The Nationalist Government will not conclude a treaty with Japan similar to the new Sino-Italian and Sino-Belgian treaties unless Japan can surrender to China the control of Dairen and Port Arthur, withdraw Japanese troops from Manchuria, recognise China's Customs autonomy and renounce her consular jurisdiction in China." "Negotiations with Denmark for the revision of the Sino-Danish treaty will soon commence in view of the fact that the Danish Minister has arrived at Shanghai and will proceed to Nanking."

OPIUM SMUGGLING IN THE CONCESSIONS.

(Wah Tai Yat Pao).

SHANGHAI, Dec. 7th. The Nanking Opium Suppression Committee held a meeting yesterday. Discussions were mainly devoted to the Shanghai opium case. It was considered that opium smuggling was still prevalent in the foreign concessions at Shanghai and it was decided to send a special commission to investigate the real condition before asking the Foreign Ministry to take up the matter with the Shanghai Municipal authorities.

WHEREABOUTS UNKNOWN.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI, Dec. 7th. An earlier message that Yen Hsi Shan had arrived at Nanking was an official statement to Reuter, but it is now stated that up to a late hour this evening Yen Hsi Shan had not arrived. This afternoon Pukow Railway officials stated that Yen was not travelling on Sir Miles Lampson's train, but was just behind the British Minister. Later the same officials stated that there was no news of Yen's train and his whereabouts were unknown.

BANDITS ACTIVE NEAR KALGAN.

LARGE PUNITIVE FORCE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Peking, Dec. 7th. A message from Kalgan states that the region between Kalgan and Dolonor is dangerously infested with bandits. There are mostly ex-soldiers, but include bands of Mongols who are seriously interfering with the motor traffic from Kalgan. The Chinese authorities are sending a mobile force of 5,000 accompanied by forty armoured cars to suppress the bandits.

LAMPSON ARRIVES AT NANKING.

C. T. WANG'S BANQUET.

INTERVIEW WITH CHIANG KAI SHEK.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

NANKING, Dec. 7th. Sir Miles Lampson arrived at Pukow this afternoon and was met by the British consular officials, Mr. C. T. Wang and others. Sir Miles Lampson held a short conference with Mr. Wang aboard the train after which both crossed to Nanking aboard H. M. S. Cockchafer.

To-night Mr. Wang was the host at a large banquet at which Sir Miles Lampson and the Swedish Chargé d'Affaires, who is now in Nanking, were the guests of honour. Chiang Kai Shek and the Presidents of the Five Yuans are expected to be present to-morrow, when Sir Miles will call upon Marshal Chiang Kai Shek. On Monday Sir Miles is holding his first formal meeting with C. T. Wang.

COATES GOVERNMENT RESIGNS.

NEW ZEALAND'S PROBLEM.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

WELLINGTON, Dec. 7th. The Coates Government has resigned as a result of the defeat of the Government by 50 votes to 33 on a motion of non-confidence proposed by Mr. Ward of the United Party, in which Labour joined.

REPLY TO GERMANY'S NOTE.**BRITAIN CONSIDERS FRENCH SUGGESTIONS.**

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUSSIA, Dec. 7th. The British Government yesterday received the French Government's suggestions for a draft reply to be sent to the German note of October 30th in connection with the setting up of a committee of experts to inquire into a complete and definite settlement of the reparations problem. These suggestions, which have been made in the light of the views of other Governments recently communicated to M. Poincaré, are now being carefully considered by the appropriate departments of the British Government.

STATE OWNERSHIP OF CABLES.

BILL ATTACKED IN COMMONS.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUSSIA, Dec. 7th. Progress was made last night in the House of Commons with the committee stage of the Imperial Telegraphs Bill, which is intended to give effect to the recommendations of the Imperial Wireless and Cable Conference for the merging of Beam wireless and cable services, and to-day's session is being mainly devoted to further consideration of the clauses of the Bill.

On behalf of the Labour Party it was again objected that the proposal was an unfair bargain for the State, which, it was contended, should have continued the control of Empire telegraphic communications. The Postmaster-General pointed out that if the Labour Party were in office they would have found themselves unable to give effect to a scheme of fusion under Government control, for the decision did not rest with the British Government alone, and the Dominion Governments concerned were against State ownership.

HINKLER'S PRAISE OF AERO ENGINE.**THRILLS OF AUSTRALIAN FLIGHT.**

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUSSIA, Dec. 7th. Squadron Leader Bert Hinkler at the Royal Aeronautical Society last night discussed some of his experiences during his memorable flight to Australia in 154 days, when he flew throughout on an Avro Avian light aeroplane with only a 38 h.p. Cirrus engine. He paid a handsome tribute to his aircraft and engine, which had already covered 15,000 miles before he left England, and which had covered some 40,000 miles without so far as he could see any deterioration.

GOVERNOR OF PANAMA CANAL.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

New York, Dec. 6th. Colonel H. Burgess is succeeding Colonel M. L. Walker, the retiring Governor of the Panama Canal.

TOWN AND COUNTRY OPPOSED.

MUTUAL ENMITY IN RUSSIA.

"EXPLOSION" FEARED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

RIGA, Dec. 6th. Speaking at a Communist Conference at Leningrad to-day, M. Rykoff referred at considerable length to the danger of a possible breach between town and village owing to the inability of one to supply the needs of the other.

He said that although the population of Russia was increasing by 3,000,000 annually, the present cultivated area was less than in 1913, while the average yield was ten per cent. below that of the years before the war.

Peasants only sold sufficient grain to cover the taxes and were not inclined to provide more as the towns failed to supply the villages with industrial products.

M. Rykoff expressed the fear that the danger of an "explosion of the entire scheme and system of industrialisation" is acute.

[The Pravda in an article published last month said that certain food difficulties were probable in the coming year, owing to the complication of transportation of grain, and the greater consumption of foodstuffs in cities and country districts. These difficulties have necessitated the importation of grain in the last quarter of the past business year. Certain difficulties are also experienced in other food products such as vegetables, oil and butter. However, the difficulties are now considerably alleviated, though not entirely overcome. The Pravda declared:—

"Elementary economy and the rational use of the deficient foodstuffs will help to soothe and often completely solve the difficulties." The economic problem of 1929 includes an increase of grain production by 10 per cent. through the mechanizing of the agricultural processes, developing the production by the use of mineral manure, extending the sowing area by 7 per cent., investing 180,000,000 roubles in the collective organization and also state farms, and stimulating individual farming by raising the price of grain.

Special efforts have been made to relieve the fuel shortage, and Moscow will receive wood sufficient to meet the needs of the winter months.]

DISCUSSION OF CRUISER TONNAGE.**KELLOGG'S EXPECTATION.**

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6th. Mr. Frank Kellogg, the Secretary of State, has declared that although he has not received any communication from Britain, he would not be surprised if Britain sought to reopen negotiations with the United States for an understanding on the question of cruiser tonnage.

Mr. Kellogg is optimistic on the subject, but says he is not yet aware of any definite move.

DISINFECTING PLANT EXPLOSION.

WIDE DAMAGE IN NEW YORK.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

NEW YORK, Dec. 6th. Four people were killed and six injured, whilst fifteen are missing, as the result of an explosion in a disinfecting plant near East River, between Long Island Sound and New York Harbour.

The windows of houses a hundred yards away were broken as a result of the explosion.

CHAMBERLAIN'S DEPARTURE.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

RUSSIA, Dec. 6th. According to present arrangements, Sir Austen Chamberlain will leave London on Saturday afternoon to attend the League Council meeting at Lugano.

WIDESPREAD FLOODS IN SMYRNA.

HOUSES UNDER WATER.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Widespread devastation and loss of life, not yet fully estimated, have been caused by floods in Smyrna.

The lower part of the town is submerged to a depth of over five feet, whilst the basements and lower stories of dwelling-houses are awash.

Residents of the affected area became panic-stricken and took refuge on roofs and tree-tops. A number of houses have collapsed.

KING'S RESTFUL SLEEP.

THE PRINCES' RETURN.

KIT ABANDONED IN HASTY DEPARTURE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Dec. 6th.

It was authoritatively stated at four o'clock this afternoon that the King's condition had shown no change since the morning, when the bulletin reported a lower temperature, a slight general improvement, and the localisation of the infection, though it remained severe.

At 8.20 p.m. the following bulletin, signed by Sir Stanley Hewett, Sir Farquhar Buzzard, Sir Humphry Rolleston and Lord Dawson, was posted on the Palace railings:—

"The King's general condition remains the same as this morning. The localisation of the infection at the base of the right side of the chest is rather more defined which conforms to the progress of the illness during the last two days."

A reassuring interpretation is placed on the morning bulletin, supported by the later news, the Royal Household drawing attention to the omission of any suggestion of anxiety concerning the heart.

The appearance of the bulletin on the Palace railings brightened the faces of the thousands of watchers, who had assembled as usual in spite of a drizzling rain, succeeded by a heavy fog.

Coming to the bad conditions last night, the Palace electricians installed special apparatus to prevent the fog from penetrating the double windows of the sick-room.

GOOD BULLETIN.

LONDON, Dec. 7th.

The bulletin issued at 11.30 this morning states that the King had some restful sleep, and his general strength is maintained. A further investigation of the right side of the chest will be undertaken during the day.

STANLEY HEWETT, DAWSON OF PENN.

No significance is attached to the late issue of the morning bulletin. It is authoritatively stated that the bulletin is definitely regarded as good. One of the doctors is at present concentrating his attention on the infection of the right side.

Sir Godfrey Thomas, principal private secretary to the Prince of Wales, has left for Brindisi to meet the Prince. Sir Godfrey is conveying a complete outfit of clothing as the Prince in his rush home is almost without kit.

Queen Drives Out.

The crowds at the Palace gates to-day were eager, not merely to read the bulletins, but to see whether the Queen drove out, and when Her Majesty, accompanied by Princess Mary, drove out of Buckingham Palace, a wonderful greeting was accorded, the Queen smiling and waving in response.

Indication that there is some relief from anxiety in Royal circles is afforded by the official announcement that Princess Mary now hopes to carry out her engagements at Northampton on Saturday afternoon, the abandonment of which had been contemplated.

The Royal Christmas is usually spent quietly at Sandringham, but it is now arranged that the Queen and Princess Mary will remain at Buckingham Palace.

The "Lancet" Statement.

The Lancet reviewing the progress of the King's illness in its issue to-day, says:—

"As unfounded conjecture is not impossible, we offer the following information being authorised to say that the essential facts are correct."

"As early as possible, a blood culture was taken and the result was positive, the organism grown being coccal in character."

"Blood counts have shown leucocytosis of the polymorphonuclear variety."

"Radiology has been useful and the clear pictures obtained have confirmed the clinical evidence that the lower two-thirds of the right lung was the area involved."

"There is, up to the present, no appreciable pleural effusion, but the plastic pleurisy described in the bulletins has unfortunately extended to the diaphragm."

"At the time of writing, the physical signs in the chest have diminished and the corresponding local symptoms have improved."

"Pleural effusion, however, may still develop as there is still oedema and flow."

The Lancet also makes reference to the anxious problem presented by a strain in the heart muscle in a patient over sixty years of age.

MAIL ROBBERY IN LONDON.

HAUL OF TEN THOUSAND POUNDS.

THIEVES HIDDEN IN VAN?

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Dec. 6th.

Postal officials are concerned over the mysterious disappearance of a mail bag, containing registered letters and bank drafts, which was one of a batch brought by mail train from Cardiff to London.

The missing bag contained letters and drafts valued at £10,000, and there is no doubt that it has been stolen.

No bags were missing when the train arrived at Paddington Station, and the police are of the opinion that the thieves concealed themselves in the mail van between Paddington and Mount Pleasant Sorting Office, during which time they managed to extract the letters and drafts.

An empty mail bag has been recovered.

THE SINGAPORE BASE.**REPORTED CHANGES DENIED.**

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Dec. 6th.

The Admiralty denies that any change of policy is in contemplation with regard to the Singapore Naval Base.

It adds that the report that a change is impending can only be attributed to a belated reference to the Government's acceptance of the scheme of retarded progress with the Base which was announced by the First Lord of the Admiralty when introducing the Navy Estimates in Parliament on March 14th, 1927.

The Prince of Wales is hurrying towards home on board H.M.S. Enterprise, which is expected to reach Suez early on Saturday morning. The Prince will travel by train to Cairo with Lord Lloyd, rejoining Enterprise the same evening at Port Said, or if Enterprise is not ready, H.M.S. Froisher, which is specially waiting at Alexandria.

The Italian authorities have arranged for a train and a steamship to wait the Prince's arrival at Brindisi.

Duke Reaches Capetown.

The Duke of Gloucester, the third son of His Majesty, is at present hastening to Capetown by special train to catch the homeward-bound liner Balmoral Castle, which, if necessary, will be held up for him at Capetown, and which will make the fullest possible speed to Southampton.

The locomotive pulling the Royal train broke down just before reaching Bulawayo, and the Duke and his Equerry assisted in the work of repair.

The train afterwards steamed into Bulawayo having set up a record time in spite of the mishap. The Duke shook the driver's grimy hand, congratulating him on his smart work, adding "I shall remember all my life."

The Duke of Gloucester arrived at Capetown in the early morning yesterday. He sailed aboard the Balmoral Castle in the afternoon.

Remarkable Welcomes.

Wherever possible the people of South Africa, English, Dutch, black and white alike, have accorded the Duke of Gloucester remarkable and unreserved welcomes during his dash to Capetown. As an instance at Beaufort West, the capital of Karroo, a crowd collected at the railway station, headed by the town clerk, a veteran Dutchman, who conveyed their greetings and sympathy, and dwelt on the honour he felt in welcoming other Royalties on various occasions. Natives formed a picturesque background to the demonstration of loyalty.

At intervals through the long railway journey from North Rhodesia the Duke descended from the train to take walking exercise. To his regret it was night when the train passed the Boer war battlefields.

His staff state that the Duke's greatest feat, on his hunting trip was the bagging of a black maned lion.

Worldwide Interest.

Messages from all over the world evince the keenest sympathy, and special prayers for the King are being recited all over the Empire.

The Pope has ordered that he be kept continuously informed of the developments of the illness.

Editorials in the American newspapers dwell upon the profound interest American people are taking in the reports of the King's gallant fight against his illness.

The New York Herald-Tribune this morning says:—"Americans have learned to understand how King George and Queen Mary have endured themselves to their subordinates."

HUGE SWINDLE IN BURMA.

OVER £500,000 INVOLVED.

HONG KONG BANK LOSSES.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

RANGOON, Dec. 6th.

A gigantic swindle in which the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank, thought to be losers to the extent of approximately \$330,000, are one of the lightest sufferers, is alleged against one of the most prominent Chinese merchants in Burma, a former member of the Legislative Council and a leading public man, named Keng Beng Choung.

A warrant has been issued for the arrest of Keng Beng Choung, who was a partner in the Beng Huat Company, rice merchants, at the instance of the Netherlands Bank, Lloyd's Bank and the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, who have alleged that he cheated them to the extent of 78 lakhs of rupees.

According to the allegations of the banks, Keng Beng Choung obtained credit advances against the deposit of delivery orders for ready stock rice which was never in existence.

The banks mentioned applied to the High Court on September 7th, to have the Beng Huat firm adjudicated insolvent, and when the case was heard the Netherlands Bank claimed to be a creditor to the extent of £370,000, Lloyd's Bank to the extent of £240,000 and the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank to the extent of £233,000.

"VESTRIS" DISASTER INQUIRY.

REPORTS BY EXPERTS.

LACK OF LEADERSHIP.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

NEW YORK, Dec. 6th.

The reports of Capt. McConkey and Capt. Jessop do not confirm the sensational and exaggerated stories as to mutiny, cowardice and disorder aboard the Vestris. Both agree that the S.O.S. should have been sent about six hours earlier.

Captain McConkey is very reticent and does not fix responsibility on anybody, but he states that the lifesaving equipment was not fully or efficiently used. He is of opinion that women and children were lost owing to a misinterpretation of the rule "women and children first" and says that this means "first in their respective boats" and not all in the first boats to leave the ship.

Jessop criticises the "lack of leadership aboard the Vestris" and says there was no sign of any organisation in the loading and lowering of the lifeboats.

CLEARING HOUSE FOR INFORMATION.

EMPIRE AGRICULTURAL SCHEME.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUSSIA, Dec. 6th. Mr. L. M. S. Amery, Dominions Secretary, stated in the House of Commons to-day that meetings of representatives of various parts of the Empire had recently been held in London to consider schemes for the establishment, on an inter-Imperial basis, of a clearing house of information on various branches of agricultural subjects, as recommended by the Imperial Conference.

The recommendations had not, however, yet been received by the Government, so that he could not give details.

PROHIBITION OF POISON GAS.**ONLY SIX STATES RATIFY.**

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUSSIA, Dec. 6th. Mr. G. Locker-Lampson, Foreign Under-Secretary, stated in the House of Commons to-day that the Geneva Protocol prohibiting the use of poison gas in war had been ratified by only six States.

The British Government were not prepared to ratify the Protocol unless all the other signatories were prepared to do so.

SAFEGUARDING FOR WOOLLENS.

UNIONS CHANGED ATTITUDE.

LABOUR M.P.'S DISAGREE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Dec. 6th.

Political circles are much interested in what appears to be a serious divergence of viewpoint on the question of "Safeguarding" between the political and industrial sections of the Labour movement, and developments are being watched with the closest attention.

On Monday, it was reported that a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Trade Unions in the wool textile trades, held at Bradford, decided to support another application by the employers for the safeguarding of dress goods under the Safeguarding of Industries Act.

A previous application, which was made in 1925, was opposed at the time by the Trade Unions.

Meeting of Labour M.P.'s. The latest development in the matter occurred today, when a meeting of Labour Members of Parliament representing the textile constituencies of Yorkshire considered the situation created by the decision of the Trade Union to support the application by employers for a duty on certain classes of imported textile goods.

Mr. Philip Snowden, one of the leaders of the Labour Party, who was Chancellor of the Exchequer in the Labour Government and who sits for one of the textile constituencies, presided over the meeting.

Changed View Regretted.

At to-day's meeting, the M.P.'s were unanimous in regretting that the textile Unions had abandoned the attitude they took when the application for safeguarding duties on woolen goods was made and rejected in 1925. They were strongly of the opinion that a policy of protective tariffs offers no hope of dealing with the admitted present difficulties of the Yorkshire textile trade.

The meeting unanimously decided to offer uncompromising opposition to any proposal to apply Protection to the woolen industry should it come before Parliament.

FASCIST LOYALTY TO THRONE.

THE DUCE'S MESSAGE.

ROME, Nov. 3rd.

The unique spectacle in celebration of the tenth anniversary of victory prepared by the Fascist Government by bringing 65,000 rural workers from every part of the country in hundreds of special trains to Rome to-day was spoiled by torrential rain at the very time when Signor Mussolini was to address the vast multitude from the steps of the tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

The 65,000 men and women huddled together in the Piazza Venezia, on the Corso, on the Via Nazionale, and in all the adjoining streets, were left at the mercy of a regular cloud-burst without any means or hope of shelter. They stood it heroically, and Signor Mussolini began his speech, himself drenched with rain. He took refuge in the Palazzo Venezia, and addressed the crowd from the balcony. He said:—

"Rural toilers of Italy—Rome has welcomed you with most cordial sympathy. The weather might have been more propitious, but you are accustomed to the inclemency of seasons. Not without significance you are assembled to-day on the eve of Italy's victory at the grave of the Unknown Soldier, who, perhaps, is one of yourselves, you who fought the war in the trenches, not in the workshops."

"This Government has established security on your lands by exterminating crime in the country districts. I want the rural population to take first place in the country's economy. Nations that desert the land are nations doomed to die."

A Happy Omen.

Signor Mussolini also sent a message to King Victor expressing the unflinching homage and devotion of the Fascist Government and of the armed forces of the country to his Majesty.

"Beneath the vigorous impulse of your rule," he said, "Italy celebrates the anniversary at a time when she is full of vigour and her moral and material energies are sustained by the discipline and harmony of the whole nation, which is working towards progress and binding itself ever closer to your Majesty and your Majesty's house."

"On this day the nation remembers that your Majesty led the glorious sacrifice of the war, resisted until the end, and in 1923 wished to repurchase the victory. In those memorable events of the last ten years the Government and the people see a happy omen for the future."

MACAO RACES.

EXCELLENT SPORT PROMISED.

TWELFTH EXTRA RACE MEETING.

(By EARLY BIRD.)

An excellent programme of racing has been arranged for the Macao meeting tomorrow afternoon.

There are 18 starters in the first race, 11 in the second, 21 in the third, 14 in the fourth, 21 in the fifth, and 14 in the last. With such liberal entries in each event, big fields are assured and in consequence better finishes. Quite a number of Hong Kong ponies are entered which I am of opinion will give a very good account of themselves. Some of the ponies recently acquired by the Macao Club will be sporting silk for the first time which should give an element of uncertainty to some of the races as far as we Hong Kongites are concerned as it is almost impossible to get any information about the doings of ponies in training at Macao.

The final race for the Aggregate Stakes will be probably the best race in this event as it is rumoured that the Chairman of the Macao Club, Mr. H. H. Priestley, will endeavour to revenge the defeat of his candidate by *Ma Kau Sinc* when last they met by sending out *Misty Eye*. Mr. N. Hashim will also send *My Lady* and *Sunning* in this event, which should provide a rattling good contest.

Having scored twelve points in the Stake the Cup has already been won by the owner of *Ma Kau Sinc* even if he should fail to get a place in to-morrow's event.

In future of the price of admission will be \$1 which carries free entry for one lady.

On Saturday the *King On* will leave Hong Kong at 2 p.m. instead of 3 p.m. as before. The *Taishan* will be the only steamer on Sunday and will leave the Company's Wharf at 9 a.m. returning at 5 p.m. Patrons are advised to make all haste after the last race as the steamer is bound to leave on the tick of time in order catch the tide.

CANDIDATES' CHANCES CONSIDERED.

The All Out Handicap.

For the sake of those owners who have been supporting the Club by entering ponies at every meeting but have stood little chance of winning, I am of the opinion that the Competition Committee should have inserted the clause "for ponies who have started at two previous meetings." With the conditions as they are it seems to me that the new acquisitions to the Club will have the race to themselves. If either *Loyal Henchman*, *The Former*, *Andantino*, *Doubtful* or *Desert Wind* start in this race the winner will be found amongst them and also the second and third pony.

The Sub-Griffins Handicap.

Mowgli, one of the most consistent performers we have ever had locally looks a cinch if started in this event. I confess he has a lot of weight to carry still, he is well able to do it and he is about the most honest little plucker I have ever seen. *Loyal Henchman* should get a place if sent to the post in this event, or the *Farmer*, who, I am told, has improved wonderfully since his last run at Macao. *Caspar* should be watched although I fancy he has seen the best part of his racing days.

The Macao Handicap.

Mr. H. H. H. Priestley, the Chairman of the Club, has reaped some reward for patience with *Misty Eye* who seems to be coming to the form he has been thought capable of showing. He won in great style from *Fifty Fifty* at the last Hong Kong meeting in the very good time of 2:05 which is a most useful performance and even with a seven pound penalty over weight for inches he should score as this is not such a big weight when his convincing performance of late has taken into consideration. However, he may be reserved for the Aggregate Stakes in which case he is also a certainty. *Fanning Stag* with such a light burden may be expected to run well although I am inclined to think he is not so well since his discouraging display at Fanning last month. *Bright Prospect* can always be expected to do his best and *U. N. II.* can certainly go the distance.

The December Selling Plate.

Dr. S. To Wong has two candidates entered in this event, the best of which is *Ullawater* who looks to have a very good chance of winning here, his other nomination, *Grey Eyes*, is not quite so good but should stand a chance of

getting a place if started and ridden by an experienced jockey. *Way Sinc* might also be in the picture likewise *Andantino* or *Cavalier*.

The Fifth Aggregate Stakes.

If *Misty Eye* starts here he will win. *Ma Kau Sinc* who has notched twelve points in the Cup will win in the absence of *Misty Eye*. *My Lady*'s connections have an idea that they can give *Ma Kau Sinc* a good race but I am afraid I do not share the same belief as the good looking mare is much better over sprint distances. *Sunning* who will be sent out to make the pace for her stable mate may run into a place if some of the light weights do not develop too much pace.

The December Novices Race.

Aristophanes looks to be the right candidate for this event and after his run at the Valley last week I honestly think this race is a certainty for him. *Desert Wind* may start here and as I hear he is an improved pony I would remind backers to keep on the look out for him. *Doubtful* may be fit enough to do once around and should just about secure a place if his temperament will allow him to forget that racing is his business.

SELECTIONS FOR SUNDAY.

My selections are:—

- 1st Race.
1. Loyal Henchman.
 2. Cavalier.
 3. Andantino.

- 2nd Race.
1. Mowgli.
 2. The Farmer.
 3. Caesar.

- 3rd Race.
1. Misty Eye.
 2. U. N. II.
 3. Bright Prospect.

- 4th Race.
1. Ullawater.
 2. Andantino.
 3. Grey Eyes.

- 5th Race.
1. Misty Eye, or Ma Kau Sinc.
 2. My Lady.
 3. Sunning.

- 6th Race.
1. Aristophanes.
 2. Chermal.
 3. Desert Wind.

GOLF.

ROYAL HONG KONG GOLF CLUB.

STARTING TIMES FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9th.

9.25 a.m.	R. H. Hollis and K. S. Robertson.
9.30	J. M. Walker and A. E. Lissaman.
9.35	A. T. Lay and O. E. O. Marton.
9.40	T. L. Christie and F. J. de Rome.
9.45	H. H. Lennox and A. H. Ferguson.
9.50	I. W. Shewan and T. G. Bennett.
9.55	D. G. G. MacDonald and L. R. Andrews.
10.00	L. Yates and E. Stone.
10.04	H. G. Howard and J. M. Norrie.
10.08	E. R. Hallifax and A. R. Raworth.
10.12	E. Davidson and C. B. Johnson.
10.16	F. A. Merry and Major Beamish.
10.20	A. Leach and A. B. Purves.
10.24	J. Coulthart and G. W. Jeffries.
10.28	A. R. Cox and D. M. Goodall.
10.32	J. S. Dykes and W. A. Weight.
10.36	T. Grant and J. Cameron.
10.40	W. J. Clark and E. D. Lawrence.
10.44	D. L. MacWhister and N. K. Littlejohn.
10.48	B. J. Lacon and V. Benjamin.
10.52	N. L. Smith and H. U. Ireland.
10.56	K. L. Dugan and H. A. I. P. Sherry and R. J. J. Sneddon.
11.00	T. F. Chubb and J. D. Humphreys.
11.04	H. D. Browne and M. M. Maas.
11.08	C. P. Ross and H. Spicer.
11.12	J. D. Thomson and G. H. Wilson.
11.16	S. T. Butlin and W. J. S. Key.
11.20	L. Garner and G. W. Garrett.
11.24	W. C. Clark and T. A. Martin.
11.28	J. Gardner and A. Webster.

THE ROYAL HONG KONG GOLF CLUB.

ANNUAL REPORT FOR LAST YEAR.

The report to be submitted to the members of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club at the general meeting which is to be held in the Board Room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on Monday, December 17th, at 5.30 p.m., states that during the period October 1st, 1927, to September 30th, 1928, 73 resident members and 28 members of the Junior Section joined the Club, the membership now standing as follows:—

Honorary Members	3
Life Members	44
Full Members	444
Restricted Members	43
Non-Playing Members	43
Absent Members	47
Naval Subscribers	61
Military Subscribers	62
Total	1,123

Junior Section:—

Resident Members	95
Absent Members	35
Total	1,253

In addition 379 ladies are registered as being granted the use of the Courses and Club Houses.

The Competitions.

The Championship (1927) was won by Mr. L. R. Andrews, the runner-up being Mr. E. M. Smith.

Other competitions resulted as follows:—

Jasper Clark Cup (1927), Capt. I. D. Erskine.

Captain's Cup (1927), Mr. D. Forbes.

Shanghai Visitors' Cup (1928), Dr. E. W. Kirk.

Governor's Shield (1927), Asiatic Petroleum Co. (Messrs. T. D. E. Fendered and R. Young).

Junior Championship (1928), Mr. D. G. Bruce.

Happy Valley Championship (1928) was not played.

A Triangular Interport Match at Fanning in February, 1928, resulted as follows:—The Club lost to Shanghai, but beat Manila. Manila beat Shanghai.

The following served on the General Committee:—Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, O.M.G., C.B.E. (Captain), Messrs. G. S. Archibut, L. G. S. Dodwell, J. W. Hawks, S. Greenhill, G. D. Hagar, J. D. Kinnaird, G. D. Lambert, K. S. Morrison, T. D. E. Fendered, O. L. Sandes and A. B. Stewart.

The accounts have been audited by Messrs. Peter, Smith, Beth & Fanning, Chartered Accountants, and were found correct and in accordance with themselves for re-election.

LOCAL FOOTBALL.

TO-DAY'S FIXTURES.

The following games in the Hong Kong League are down for decision to-day:—

Division I.

Kick-off 4 p.m.

K.O.S.B. v. Club de Recreo, King's Park ground. Referee: Bdmr. Kernlake.

China Athletic v. Hong Kong Police, Hong Kong F.C. ground. Referee: P.C. Cowan.

R.A. v. Hong Kong F.C. Sookunpoo ground. Referee: W. Eager Barber.

Royal Navy v. Small Units, Caroline Hill ground. Referee: Mr. F. Smith.

Division II.

Kick-off 2.30 p.m.

Royal Navy Reserves v. Small Units Reserves, Royal Navy ground. Referee: T. G. Stokes.

China Athletic Res. v. K.O.S.B. Res., Hong Kong F.C. ground. Referee: S. Sergt. Gilmour.

South China "B" v. Eastern F.C. Sookunpoo ground. Referee: Lea-Sea. Hatwell.

South China "A" v. St. Joseph's, South China ground. Referee: C.P.O. Craig.

Kowloon F.C. Res. v. Club de Recreo, Kowloon F.C. ground. Referee: E.R.A. Anderson.

The League games to be played by the Queen's Regt. to-day, have been postponed owing to Regimental Sports at Kwan Ti Training Camp.

The crowd will travel to the Hong Kong F.C. ground to-day to witness the senior game between the Hong Kong Police and China Athletic.

The meetings of these teams are looked forward to for the Police always run the Athletic very close and interest will be added to to-day's game by the Police winning against the Queen's Regiment last week. The Athletic will be out to secure the points as they are dropping down the League table.

The scoring will be low and the game a struggle between the Athletic forwards and the Police defence.

At King's Park, the Club de Recreo meet the K.O.S.B. The Military team is settling down, although Torrie does not make up the attack like Campbell. Reeves is a tower of strength, while Stock and McGlinchey give him every assistance.

The Recreo players are in and out this season. They have been hard hit to field the same team in two consecutive matches. Last week they shared eight goals with the Athletic without the brothers Gosano. It is expected that A. Gosano will lead the attack to-day. The K.O.S.B. expected to take the points.

At Sookunpoo, the R.A. receive the Club. This game should be keenly contested and the Club should repeat their last week result when they beat the Navy.

At Caroline Hill, the Navy receive the Small Units. The Units have yet to secure their first win.

Only five games are to be played in the Junior division this week. The University, through failing to fulfil their fixtures have been struck out of the League.

The game on the H.K.F.C. ground will be a good curtain raiser for the senior game to follow. The Athletic and K.O.S.B. Reserves meet for the first time this season and as both teams have done well to date, a good game is expected. The K.O.S.B. will be out to take the points, while the Athletic will be at full strength. There will be little between the teams when the final whistle sounds.

The game on the Navy ground at Happy Valley should be interesting as the Small Units have done well lately. The Navy will be below usual strength owing to the absence of the *Hermes*.

South China "B" meet the Eastern F.C. at Sookunpoo and the latter should annex the points.

At Caroline Hill, South China "A" meet St. Joseph's and "A" is expected to take full points from the College team.

Kowloon receive the Club de Recreo on the Kowloon F.C. ground and a keen game should end in favour of the home team.

LOCAL FOOTBALL.

DISPUTE.

QUEEN'S AND CHINA ATHLETIC.

BOTH SIDES PENALISED BY ASSOCIATION.

The unfortunate incident which occurred on November 17th in a junior division football match on the Chatham Road ground between the Queen's Regiment and China Athletic and caused the game to be abandoned has been under the investigation of the Hong Kong Football Association.

The Emergency Committee recommended to the League Management Committee that the result of the game Queen's v. China Athletic as at time of abandonment stand. This means that the Queen's will be given full points.

The Association has also decided that the Queen's will be given full points.

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HONG KONG LADIES' HOCKEY CLUB.

There will be an Inter-Club match to-day at Happy Valley, when the following team representing the Tai Koo Section, F. Cousins, B. Laing, M. Wallace, F. Russell, E. O'Hagan, M. Russell, I. O. Bell, N. McNeillie, B. Baker, M. Hansen, J. Whyte, will play the following ladies, representing the rest of the Club:—A. Steel, E. J. Coppin, M. B. Bird, E. Tassart, J. Andrews, A. Owen-Hughes, M. J. Jarvis, P. Goodall, D. Stanion, M. Riggs, E. R. Bell.

The soldiers had established a winning lead of four goals to two when tempers were lost and two players, one on either side exchanged blows. The Chinese team then intimated to the referee that they would not proceed with the game.

At an earlier emergency meeting the Committee considered the referee's report on the game and decided to suspend Herjedge of the Queen's until April 30th, 1929. The case against the Chinese team for refusing to carry on with the game was adjourned for the attendance of the referee.

The Committee continued the enquiry last Tuesday when the referee and the captain of the Chinese team were present. It was decided to suspend the Captain of the Chinese team, Ng Po Lau, until February 1st, 1929, and to severely censure him. The Association Secretary was also instructed to write to the Chinese Athletic Association pointing out that the Club was responsible for their players being acquainted with the rules of the game, that they must be instructed to obey the referee without question, and that should there be a repetition of this offence it will render the Club liable to expulsion from the Association.

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A SONG OF THE "DEPOSITED BOOK"

The Revised Prayer Book Controversy has been a grim and earnest affair so "a little humour on this subject will do us no harm," remarks The Dean of St. John's Cathedral in the following verses in the St. John's Cathedral Note:—

First Chorus of Wild Men.

A put-back-the-clock new Book, A bring-in-the Jesuit Book, A plainy papistical, grossly sophistical,

Most anti-scriptural Book.

A turn-us-all-out new Book, A down-with-the-Gospel Book, A give-info-mummery, idols and hummery,

Ruin to souls new Book.

Second Chorus of Wild Men.

A bait-on-the-hook new Book, A thank-you-for-nothing new Book, A part-sentimental and part Oriental,

And part-made-in-Germany Book.

A pickle-the-rod new Book, A put-us-in-quod new Book, A non-comprehensiveness, full of offensiveness,

Anti-devotional Book.

Chorus of Bishops.

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Protestant-Catholic Book.

Our twenty-years-thought new Book, Our prayerfully-planned new Book, Our no-change-doctrinal, our quite semi-final,

Our richly enriched new Book.

Our please-be-good boys new Book, Our don't-make-a-noise new Book, Our why-can't-you-risk-a-bit, trust the Episcopate,

Save-the-Establishment Book.

(The Rev. Giffet, St. Mary's, Rethem, Sunset)

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CHURCH NOTICES.

ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL, HONG KONG.

DECEMBER 9th, 1928—2nd Sunday in Advent.

Choral Eucharist at 8 a.m. Children's Service at 10 a.m. Peak Sunday School at 10 a.m. Matins at 11 a.m.

Preacher:—The Dean. Evensong at 8 p.m.

Preacher:—Rev. H. V. Koop. Collections throughout the day will be for the British and Foreign Bible Society.

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SUNDAY SERVICES, December 9th, 1928, at 11.15 a.m.—

Subject:—"God Tree ONLY CAUSE AND CREATOR."

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Wednesday Evening Meeting at 5.30 p.m.

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ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, KOWLOON.

SUNDAY, December 9th, 1928—2nd Sunday in Advent.

8.15 a.m.—Holy Communion. 10.00 a.m.—Children's Service. 11.00 a.m.—Morning Prayer and Sermon.

Preacher:—Rev. O. B. Shan, M.A. (During this service the colours of the 1st Kowloon Guides Company will be dedicated.)

2.45 p.m.—Sunday School. 8.00 p.m.—Evening Prayer and Sermon.

Preacher:—The Vicar. Offerings on this Sunday will be in aid of the work of the British and Foreign Bible Society.

WEDNESDAY, December 12th, 1928—Short Evening Prayer and Address.

(The Rev. Giffet, St. Mary's, Rethem, Sunset)

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Pres. Wilson...Sun., Dec. 30, 8 a.m.
Pres. Van Buren...Sun., Jan. 13, 8 a.m.

Pres. Hayes...Sun., Jan. 27, 8 a.m.
Pres. Polk...Sun., Feb. 10, 8 a.m.
Pres. Adams...Sun., Feb. 24, 8 a.m.

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Pres. Madison...Dec. 8th, 8 p.m.
Pres. Pierce...Dec. 18th, 8 p.m.
Pres. Jackson...Dec. 22nd, 6 p.m.

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Pres. McKinley...Jan. 5th, 8 p.m.
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HONG KONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hong Kong Observatory, Dec. 7th.

Previous On Date On Date

Day at 2 p.m. 6 a.m. 2 p.m.

Barometer... 30.15 30.17 30.11

Thermometer... 67 63 71

Humidity... 68 54 69

Wind... E E E

Direction... S S S

Force... 0 0 2

Weather... O O B

Rain... 0.00 0.00 0.00

Highest open-air Temperature, 6th: 68

Lowest open-air Temperature, 7th: 63

B=Blue sky; C=Cloudy; D=Drizzle; F=Fog; L=Lightning; M=Mist; O=Overcast; P=Passing showers; Q=Squalls; R=Rain; T=Thunder

HONG KONG TIDE TABLE.

From December 8th to 14th, 1928.

High Water. Low Water.

Day of Month

Hour of Day

Height of Water

Standard Time

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WALKING RACE AT SHANGHAI.

WON BY CHINESE TEAM.

FRANCE SECOND AND ENGLAND THIRD.

SHANGHAI, Dec. 3rd.

Before a crowd of over a thousand cheering spectators who assembled at the Race Course yesterday morning to see the finish of the International Walking Competition, Y. Y. Chow of the Chinese team romped home an easy winner in the excellent time of 2 hours 37 minutes 34 seconds for 17 miles 100 yards, says the *North China Daily News*. The demure looking thin framed victor was in high spirits and showed little strain after his long walk.

Second place went to W. J. Young of the Irish team who finished well behind the winner, his time being 2 hours 40 minutes 54 seconds and close behind him came H. Howard, unattached, who negotiated the distance in 2 hours 41 minutes 38 seconds.

Then came further scoring for the Chinese team when Chao Chung Chang and Ching Sun Shuh finished almost abreast with W. Neugebauer, unattached, close in the rear, after which came a four minute wait until the first representative of the English team, C. A. Wright, breastst the judge's stand, with J. Remedios, Portugal, closely pressing and P. Guhur and R. Chaillan of the French team finishing in a dead heat.

Won At Tenth Mile.

The team race went to the Chinese entries composed of Ching Sun Shuh, Chao Chung Chang, Y. Y. Chow and Mee Kaung Wu, with a total of 23 points, France second with 40 points and England being forced into third place with 41 points. Ireland 46, Portugal 48 and the newest team entry to the competition Palestine finishing in sixth place with 90 points. A feature of their race was that though they finished well down in the list they came in a bunch with M. Gottfried leading followed by A. Gottfried, I. R. Cohen and H. L. Blaiman.

For the winner it can be said that Chow won his race at the tenth mile when he passed Young of the Irish team just after crossing the junction of Hungking Road and Warren Road and from then on was never headed. Young however, was always a contender for first honours and gave Chow a fine race. Howard seemed to improve as the race continued and though he was fifth at the 15th station he came up with a rush and finished in third place.

The race started at 8 a.m. on Bubbling Well Road at Carter Road along Jessfield Road, Brennan Road, Rubicon Road, Hungking Road and wound to the finish via Avenue Fatah, Rue Lafayette, Rue du Roi Albert, Route des Secours and Weibaiwei Road to the turn into the race course and the judge's stand at the track side.

There were 46 entries and all finished save three. At the conclusion Mr. A. E. Stewart President of the Shanghai International Walking Competition made a short address to the throng over the radio and thanked the various officials for their co-operation as well as the contestants for the excellent sportsmanship that was a feature of the event. Being a Scotsman he said he was sorry there was no Scots team in the race but laid their absence to the aftermath of the St. Andrew's Ball from which he said many of his countrymen had not recovered and he also said that a few years ago a strong Scots team was entered but lost the race because someone threw some copers along the track and the Scots team immediately lost all interest in the race.

The various cups were then presented by his wife Mrs. A. E. Stewart who was the recipient of a bouquet for her efforts.

Among the cups was one for the first Englishman to finish, ditto, Irishman, two for the first Chinese, two Palestine, Portuguese, a cup for the oldest competitor which went to Mr. Howard, and one for the youngest which M. Gottfried obtained.

The First Twenty.

The winners and times for the first 20 who finished follow:-

Name	Team	Time
1. Yu Yu Chow	Chinese	2:37.34
2. W. J. Young	Ireland	2:40.54
3. H. Howard	unattached	2:41.39
4. Chao Chung Chang	Chinese	2:42.12
5. Ching Sun Shuh	Chinese	2:42.17
6. W. Neugebauer	unattached	2:42.54
7. C. A. Wright	England	2:43.41
8. J. Remedios	Portugal	2:43.53
9. P. Guhur	France	2:43.58
10. R. Chaillan	France	2:43.58
11. D. Murphy	Ireland	2:43.57
12. L. B. S. Golds	unattached	2:51.53
13. M. Fournage	France	2:54.21
14. A. Green	England	2:55.58
15. A. Seaborn	England	2:55.57
16. Yu-dien Loh	China (reserve)	2:56.45
17. C. L. Gabb	England	2:57.00
18. A. S. Ozorio	Portugal	2:57.68
19. P. O'Connor	Ireland	2:58.41
20. J. Deakin	France	2:58.41

FIRE ON GLEN LINER.

OWNERS AND OFFICIALS NOT RESPONSIBLE.

DANGER OF OIL-FUEL.

The result of the inquiry ordered by the Board of Trade into the cause of a fire which broke out on board the Glen Line steamship *Carmarthenshire* on July 17th, 1925, while she was proceeding down the River Thames on a voyage to the Straits, China, and Japan, was given in Court A. Judges' Quadrangle, Royal Courts of Justice. Neither the owners of the ship nor any of the officials were held responsible for the fire.

The members of the Court were Mr. J. A. R. Cairns, Engineer Rear-Admiral W. Rattey, Captain H. P. Learmont, and Engineer Lieutenant-Commander W. M. Fletcher.

At the time of the fire steam had been raised in three of the Straits, four boilers by means of coal fuel; in the remaining boiler oil fuel had been used. The furnaces in all four boilers had a common stockhold, and to ascertain the advisability of the practice of burning coal and oil simultaneously in a common stockhold was one of the Board of Trade's reasons for ordering the inquiry.

Mr. Cairns, in giving judgment, said that the Court found that the fire was caused by oil leakage at the ground bushing of the burner attached to the starboard lower furnace of the after-port boiler, probably due to the slacking of the housing screw, and that the seriousness of the fire was aggravated by leakage from a defective junction pipe leading to the burners.

Responsibility for the fire did not rest with the Glen Line, Limited, nor with any of the parties cited in the inquiry, and no issue arose as to any certificates.

Answers To The Questions.

In their answers to specific questions submitted by the Board of Trade, the Court considered that the fire would have occurred had oil fuel alone been used in all the furnaces, but that it would not have occurred had coal alone been used. They considered that the risk of fire was greater when both coal and oil-burning furnaces were used at the same time in a common stockhold than when oil fuel was used alone in an oil-tight compartment from which coal ashes, firing tools, and naked lights had been excluded. In the former case risk of fire was substantially increased and might become uncontrollable when a ship was at sea.

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CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above named Vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hong Kong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown, where each Consignment will be sorted out Mark by Mark and Delivery can be obtained as the Goods are landed.

Optional Goods will be landed here unless Instructions have been given to the contrary Six hours before arrival of the Steamer.

Goods not cleared within 8 days, including date of arrival, will be subject to Rent.

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Damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees, and the Company's Surveyors, Messrs. Goddard & Douglas, at 10 a.m. on Mondays and Thursdays, within the Free Storage period.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underinsured on or before 26th December, 1928, or they will not be recognized.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns.

MAKINSON, MACKENZIE & Co., Agents.

Hong Kong, 6th Dec., 1928. [7071]

CONSIGNEE NOTICES.

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6th December, 1928. [7069]

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M.S. "Panama"	22nd Dec.	2nd Feb., 1929
M.S. "Danmark"	31st Dec.	8th Feb., "
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TJILEBOET	DALAT, AMOY	17th Dec.	19th Dec., 4 p.m.	MAKASSAR & SOERABAYA
TJISAROE	SHANGHAI, K'UNG, & AMOY	24th Dec.	26th Dec., 4 p.m.	BATAVIA

NORTH BOUND.

STEAMERS	FROM	EXPECTED ON OR ABOUT	WILL LEAVE ON	FOR
TJISAROE	BATAVIA	In Harbour	8th Dec.	AMOI, SHANGHAI, K'UNG, & AMOY
TJIMANOEK	JAVA, MAKASSAR	14th Dec.	17th Dec.	AMOI, N. CHINA
TJISONDARI	BATAVIA	19th Dec.	22nd Dec.	AMOI, SHANGHAI, K'UNG, & AMOY

TO MANILA.

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AMOI, SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"SHUNYING"	On 10th Dec.	9 a.m.
AMOI, SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"KUNGHONG"	On 11th Dec.	3 p.m.
HONGKONG, SHANGHAI & HANKOW	"YUNNAN"	On 12th Dec.	Noon
SHANGHAI	"LINAN"	On 13th Dec.	8 p.m.
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"KWANGCHOW"	On 14th Dec.	Noon
HONGKONG, PAKHOI & HAIPHONG	"SUIVANG"	On 15th Dec.	7 a.m.
SWATOW, SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"KANGHONG"	On 16th Dec.	Noon
SWATOW & HANKOW	"KIANGSU"	On 16th Dec.	3 p.m.
AMOI, SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"CHUAN"	On 18th Dec.	10 a.m.
AMOI, PAKHOI & HAIPHONG	"SHANTUNG"	On 19th Dec.	3 p.m.
AMOI, SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"HUPEH"	On 19th Dec.	3 p.m.
SHANGHAI	"HUICHOW"	On 19th Dec.	4 p.m.
WEIHAIWEI, CHEFOO & TIENTSIN	"KIUKIANG"	On 20th Dec.	3 p.m.
AMOI & SHANGHAI	"KUEICHO"	On 20th Dec.	4 p.m.
WEIHAIWEI, CHEFOO & TIENTSIN	"TEAN"	On 27th Dec.	10 a.m.

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ARRIVALS.

December 8th.

Westland, Dutch str., 1,139 tons. Capt. A. Kuntz, from Canton, lying at Yuenai—J.C.J.L.
Wing Lee, Chinese str., 641 tons. Capt. F. Smith, from Kwang Chow Wan, with 410 tons of general cargo, lying at buoy No. C44—Yiu Yuen Co.

December 7th.

Anhui, British str., 2,060 tons. Capt. G. H. Pennefather, from Amoy, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. A9—B. & S.
Deli Maru, Japanese str., 1,294 tons. Capt. E. Yamamoto, from Swatow, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C14—O.S.K.

Kittawa, British str., 707 tons. Capt. R. D. Cooper, from Canton, lying at Stonecutters—Williamson.

Liangchow, British str., 1,220 tons. Capt. Thomas Beer, from Amoy, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C35—B. & S.

Medan, British str., 10,983 tons. Capt. W. A. Norman, R.N.R., from Yokohama, which port she left on November 29th, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf—P. & O.

Michael Jensen, Danish str., 1,343 tons. Capt. H. Spland, from Hoihow, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C19—Chin. Seng Hong.

President Madison, American str., 3,341 tons. Capt. W. O. Kohlmeier, from Shanghai, which port she left on December 5th, with 2,170 tons of general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf—A.M.L.

Soochow, British str., 1,594 tons. Capt. J. A. McCulloch, from Canton, lying at buoy No. B9—B. & S.

Var, Norwegian str., 836 tons. Capt. Jens Olsen, from Bangkok, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C13—K. Larsen.

Yat Shing, British str., 1,424 tons. Capt. P. Jowitt, from Canton, lying at buoy No. B32—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

CLEARANCES.

December 7th.

Ben, for Shanghai.
Benwood, for Whomoon.

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Cheng On, for Shanghai.

Chinkiang, for Shanghai.
Daijiku Maru, for Hongkong.

Deli Maru, for Canton.
Hai Ning, for Swatow.

Jeyore, for Singapore.
Liangchow, for Canton.

Malua, for Singapore.
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Tak Hing, for Macao.
Times Maru, for Canton.

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The R.M.S. *Empress of Canada* arrived at Colombo on Thursday, December 6th, at 6 a.m., left at 4 p.m., and is due at Port Said on December 15th (Saturday) at 6 p.m.

The R.M.S. *Empress of France*, from Hong Kong on November 28th, left Yokohama on December 6th, and is due at Vancouver on December 15th.

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PASSENGERS.

Arrivals.

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Per s.s. *President Madison*, from Shanghai, on December 7th: Mr. A. C. Arce, Mr. J. Asher, Mr. W. T. Alexander, Mrs. A. Y. Bishop, Mr. P. T. Cary, Mr. T. T. Chow, Mr. Cheung Hee Ting, Mr. Wm. Cheng, Mr. S. V. Davis, Mr. W. A. Graham, Miss M. B. Hauckel, Mr. W. J. Hawker, Mrs. Wm. Leaman, Mr. F. L. Kock, Mrs. Kwok Tai Tai, Miss A. Kwok, Miss B. Kwok, Mr. C. T. Liu, Mr. K. K. Lee, Miss L. Nourse, Miss G. Ortolani, Miss L. E. Palmer, Mr. J. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. J. Peterson, Miss M. Peterson, and Mrs. H. Ross, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Shank, Mr. J. K. Trask, Mr. M. H. Yung, Mr. K. P. Young. Among passengers passing through on their way to Manila were: Mr. J. W. Bowersox, Mr. G. Bellers, Mr. P. Tay Chuan, Mr. A. Cohen, Mr. A. Carpi, Mrs. F. England and two children, Miss E. Etter, Mr. and Mrs. K. Furutani, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Franks, Miss E. Fischer, Mr. J. Godman, Mr. W. B. S. Grandy, Mr. G. V. Hellenberg, Mr. T. M. Holmsen, Mr. and Mrs. H. Iserson, Mr. R. Jacob, Mr. H. K. Kwong, Mr. W. T. Lindesay, Mrs. E. S. Leach, Miss J. Macdonald, Mr. and Mrs. Y. Martinez, and Master Y. Martinez, Dr. and Mrs. C. L. Miss, Mr. M. C. McGuire, Lt. and Mrs. H. F. Newton, Miss E. Newton, Mr. N. Oettinger, Mr. A. K. Peck, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Robinson, and three children, Cdr. and Mrs. T. C. Slinguff and three children, Miss E. S. Wade and Miss L. Iserson.

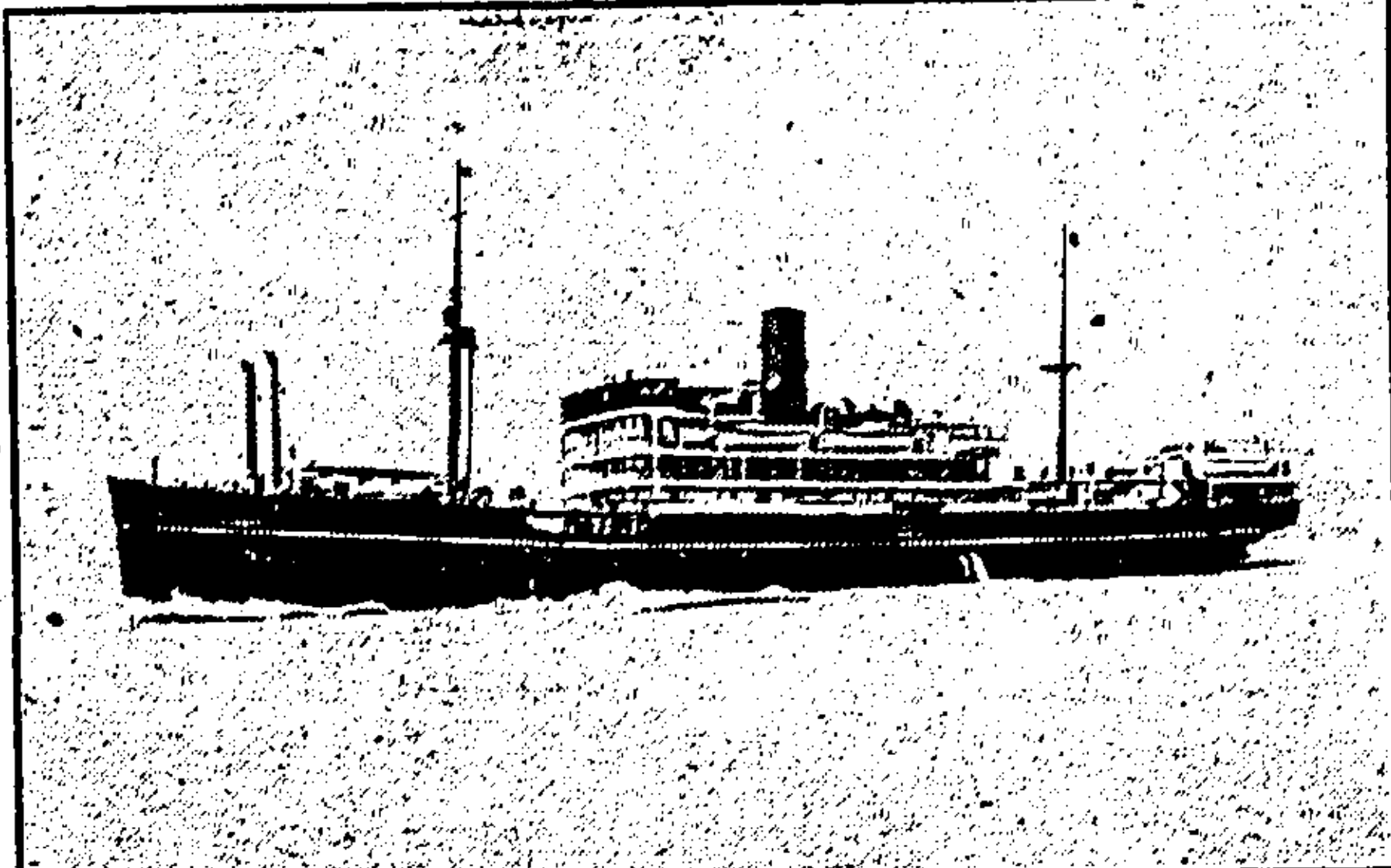
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MOJI & KOBE	"SUISANG"	Satur., 22nd Dec., at Noon
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SANDAKAN	"MAUSANG" "HINSANG"	Thurs., 13th Dec., at Noon Wed., 19th Dec., at Noon
CANTON	"KWONGSANG"	Sun., 9th Dec., at 6 p.m.
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YESTERDAY'S FREIGHT RETURNS.

HEAVY DROP IN IMPORTS
THROUGH CARGO REMAINS GOOD.

Sixteen arrivals and twenty-one departures were shown for the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday, but the general cargo discharged for this port were not as high as on the previous day. Through freights however, remained good. Eight British arrivals and seven departures were shown.

Twelve vessels had 6,099 tons of cargo for Hong Kong and five British ships discharged 2,533 tons. The two best returns were from the s.s. *Fav* (Norwegian) with 1,900 tons of rice from Bangkok, and the s.s. *Times Maru* (Japanese) which discharged 1,400 tons of coal from Keelung.

Through freights totalled 17,103 tons. Of the ten carriers seven British carried 7,327 tons. The best carrier was the s.s. *Tokushima Maru* (Japanese) with 7,474 tons of general cargo from Calcutta and Singapore. The s.s. *Telemachus* (British) was next with 4,620 tons from Amsterdam and Singapore.

The arrivals and departures during the period under review were as follows:—

	Arr.	Dep.
British	8	7
Dutch	1	1
Norwegian	1	3
Japanese	2	3
Chinese	4	3
Total	16	21

DETAILS OF FREIGHTS.

Empress of Russia (British) arrived from Vancouver and Shanghai with 1,026 tons of general cargo for Hong Kong.

Mantua (British) arrived from London and Singapore with 463 tons of general cargo for Hong Kong and 1,550 tons for through ports.

Telemachus (British) arrived from Amsterdam and Singapore with 507 tons of general cargo for Hong Kong and 4,620 tons for through ports.

Liang Chow (British) arrived from Shanghai and Amoy with 820 tons of general cargo for Hong Kong and 167 tons for through ports.

Yinchai (British) arrived from Canton with 50 tons of general cargo for through ports.

Kiukiang (British) arrived from Tongku and Swatow with 300 tons of general cargo for through ports.

Soochow (British) arrived from Canton with 200 tons of general cargo for through ports.

Yat Shing (British) arrived from Canton with 550 tons of general cargo for through ports.

Cremier (Dutch) arrived from Amoy and Canton with 1,908 tons of general cargo for through ports.

Fav (Norwegian) arrived from Bangkok with 1,800 tons of rice for Hong Kong.

Tokushima Maru (Japanese) arrived from Calcutta and Singapore with 7,474 tons of general cargo for Hong Kong and 1,400 tons for through ports.

Times Maru (Japanese) arrived from Keelung with 1,400 tons of coal and 1,500 tons for through ports.

Fing Lee (Chinese) arrived from Port Bayard with 410 tons of general cargo for Hong Kong.

VESSELS EXPECTED.

American Mail Line.
President Madison, Dec. 17th.
Australian-Oriental Line.
Changste, to-day.
Taiping, January 4th.

Bank Line.
City of Lahore, Dec. 10th.
City of Madras, Dec. 22nd.
City of Chester, Dec. 27th.

Levernbank, January 4th.
City of Bedford, Jan. 8th.
City of Delhi, January 19th.
City of Baroda, February 1st.

Sea Line.
Benrinnes, to-morrow.
Benurly, Dec. 16th.

Sine Funnell Line.
Diomedes, Dec. 11th.
Philactes, Dec. 11th.

Tyndareus, December 13th.
Aeneas, Dec. 15th.
Proteus, Dec. 15th.

Glaucus, December 20th.
Hector, Dec. 24th.
Thetis, Dec. 30th.

Achilles, January 8th.
Ningchow, January 8th.
Perseus, January 8th.

Talhythys, January 8th.
Lycan, January 10th.
Sarpedon, January 10th.

Eunaeus, January 11th.
Automedon, January 19th.
Tydeus, January 20th.

Izion, January 20th.
Dolius, January 31st.
Keeman, January 31st.

Calchas, February 3rd.
Patroclus, February 7th.
Pheniceus, February 7th.

Autolyca, February 8th.
Demodocus, February 19th.
Hellerophon, February 20th.

Euryades, February 24th.
Troilus, February 24th.
Agamemnon, Mar. 7th.

Antenor, March 7th.
British-India and Apcar Line.
Takada, December 10th.

Talaba, December 12th.
Gazana, December 17th.
Talamba, December 22nd.

Santhia, December 26th.
Tilawa, January 11th.
Takliwa, January 17th.

Canadian Pacific Line.
Empress of Asia, Dec. 20th.
Dollar S.S. Line.

President Cleveland, Dec. 10th.
President Monroe, Dec. 15th.
President Pierce, Dec. 17th.

East Asiatic Co., Copenhagen (John Manners & Co., Agents).
Malaya, Dec. 14th.

Siam, Dec. 15th.
Panama, Dec. 23rd.
Danmark, Dec. 31st.

Java, January 30th.
Australia, February 11th.
Eastern and Australian Lines.

Arafura, January 7th.
Tanda, February 4th.
Glen Line.

Glenbeg, Dec. 12th.
Glenarthen, Dec. 15th.
Glenahine, Dec. 31st.

Glenagle, January 7th.
Cardiganahire, January 21st.
Glenamoy, Feb. 11th.

"Hamburg-Amerika Linie."
Oldenburg, December 14th.
Sachsen, Dec. 16th.

Saarland, Dec. 21st.
Emil Kirdorf, Jan. 7th.
Havelland, Jan. 20th.

Lauenburg, Feb. 1st.
Lauenburg, Feb. 14th.
Java-China-Japan Line.

Tjikarang, Dec. 10th.
Tjimanok, December 14th.
Tjilbect, December 17th.

Tjondari, December 18th.
Tjisaruea, Dec. 24th.

DAILY WATERFRONT NEWS.

NOTIFICATION TO MARINERS.

[BY LONGSHOREMAN.]

A notification received from the military authorities with regard to searchlight practice states that practice will be carried out on the undermentioned dates:—

Belchers: 11th December, 15th December, 8th January, 16th January.

Lycemoun: 10th and 20th January.
Examination of Masters and Mates.

Another notification from the Harbour Department states that "During the period December 24th, 1928 to January 3th, 1929 no examinations for Masters and Mates for Certificates of Competency in the Merchant Marine will be held.

Anchoring in Cable Area.

Two masters of fishing junks were before the Marine Magistrate at the Harbour Office yesterday morning for anchoring within the cable area at Aberdeen. One of the defendants was found guilty and fined \$10 with the alternative of 10 days' hard labour.

The other defendant was remanded until this morning on application of the Police who stated that they wished to ascertain if there had been any damage to the water-pipe on the sea bed, as it is feared that the anchor from the defendant's boat fouled the pipe.

The s.s. *Empress of Russia* which arrived from Vancouver and Shanghai reports that a Chinese steerage passenger died during the voyage on November 28th from tuberculosis. A report from the s.s. *Mantua* from London and Singapore states that several cases of measles were experienced during the voyage.

Asiatic Deck Passengers.
Seven vessels brought 2,256 Asiatic deck passengers to the Colony during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday.

Messageries Maritimes.

Athos II., December 18th.
Porthea, December 18th.
Chenonceau, January 1st.

D'Arignac, January 1st.
Sphinx, January 15th.
General Metinger, Jan. 29th.

Paul Leat, February 12th.
Andre Lebon, Feb. 26th.
Nippon Yusen Kaisha.

Wakasa Maru, to-day.
Bengal Maru, to-day.
Ceylon Maru, to-morrow.

Kashima Maru, to-morrow.
Yokohama Maru, Dec. 12th.
Muruga Maru, Dec. 13th.

Kamo Maru, Dec. 14th.
Morioka Maru, Dec. 15th.
Hakodate Maru, Dec. 17th.

Bingo Maru, Dec. 18th.
Delagoa Maru, Dec. 18th.
Nagano Maru, Dec. 18th.

Sado Maru, Dec. 18th.
Aki Maru, Dec. 20th.
Dakar Maru, Dec. 21st.

Hakone Maru, Dec. 23rd.
Norddeutscher Lloyd, Bremen.
Franken, December 11th.

Bernscheld, Dec. 12th.
Polda, Dec. 18th.
Main, Dec. 22nd.

Trier, Jan. 13th.
Lahn, January 30th.

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"KASHMIR"	8,985	16th Dec.	Marseilles and London.
"NALDERA"	16,083	22nd Dec.	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
"MANTUA"	10,946	5th Jan., 1929	Marseilles, London and Hull.
"KALYAN"	8,144	19th Jan.	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
"MOREA"	10,953	3rd Feb.	Marseilles, London and Hull.
"KASHGAR"	9,905	10th Feb.	Marseilles, London and Hull.
"MACDONIA"	11,120	2nd Mar.	Marseilles and London.
"PADUA"	9,907	9th Mar.	Mars., L'don, A'werp, R'dm, H'bg.
"KHIVA"	9,135	16th Mar.	Marseilles, London and Hull.
"KHYBER"	9,114	23rd Mar.	do.
"NADWA"	10,980	30th Mar.	Marseilles & London.
"NALDERA"	16,083	13th Apr.	Marseilles and London.
"MANTUA"	10,946	20th Apr.	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
"KASHMIR"	8,985	11th May	Marseilles and London.
"MOREA"	10,953	18th May	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
"KALYAN"	9,144	25th May	Marseilles and London.
"RAJPUTANA"	16,583	22nd June	Bombay, Marseilles & L'don.

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"TALAMBA"	8,018	21st Dec.	do.
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"SANTIA"	7,751	12th Jan.	do.
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"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	28th Dec.	Manila, Sandakan, Thursday.
"ARAFURA"	6,900	1st Feb., 1929	Island, Townsville, Brisbane.
"TANDA"	6,958	1st Mar.	Sydney and Melbourne.

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Steamship	Tons	From Hongkong (about)	Destination
"TALMA"	10,000	14th Dec.	Amoy, Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
"TRESILLIAN"	8,284	15th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"GALANA"	9,144	21st Dec.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"SANTIA"	7,751	29th Dec.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"MOREA"	10,953	4th Jan., 1929	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"ARAFURA"	6,900	8th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"TILAWA"	10,006	13th Jan.	Amoy, Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"KASHGAR"	9,905	20th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"PADUA"	9,907	27th Jan.	do.
"TAKLIWA"	7,930	3rd Feb.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"TAKADA"	6,848	10th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"TANDA"	6,958	17th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"TALAMBA"	8,018	24th Feb.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"KHIVA"	9,135	1st Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"TALMA"	10,000	8th Mar.	Amoy, Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"MALWA"	10,946	15th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"KHYBER"	9,114	22nd Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"NALDERA"	16,083	29th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"MANTUA"	10,946	5th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"KASHMIR"	8,985	12th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"MOREA"	10,953	19th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"KALYAN"	9,144	26th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"RAJPUTANA"	16,583	3rd May	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.

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